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A BIG BLAST KEEPS DODGERS ALIVE

Will Smith is greeted by Justin Turner after Smith's three-run sixth-inning homer gave the Dodgers a lead over Atlanta that they wouldn't surrender, winning 7-3 to force a Game 6 in the NLCS. **SPORTS, D1**

COLUMN ONE

Jet pack at LAX? Theories are flying

This summer, pilots saw something — or someone — in the sky. It just happened again.

By RICHARD WINTON AND SAMANTHA MASUNAGA

It was an otherwise quiet Sunday night at the Los Angeles International Airport control tower when an American Airlines pilot radioed in with an unbelievable report.

"Tower, American 1997. We just passed a guy in a jet pack," the pilot said.

Minutes later came another report, this time from a pilot approaching LAX in a Jet Blue airliner: "We just saw the guy pass us by in the jet pack."

So began one of the most intriguing aviation mysteries Los Angeles has confronted in years.

Those sightings occurred Aug. 30. The case took another twist Wednesday when a China Airlines pilot approaching LAX reported seeing a jet pack flying at an altitude of 6,000 feet. That's more than a mile up.

The FBI is on the case, as [See LAX, A7]

In reversal, U.S. to provide state disaster funding

Heeding appeals from elected leaders, FEMA says it will send money for California's worst fire season on record. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

General's arrest stuns Mexico

Former defense chief is taken into custody in L.A., accused of drug trafficking and money laundering. **WORLD, A3**

Feinstein faces call to quit panel

Progressives criticize California senator's performance during hearing for high court nominee. **NATION, A6**

Weather

Mostly sunny. L.A. Basin: 89/63. **B8**



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PRESIDENT TRUMP talks with voters Thursday after NBC's town hall in Miami. His frustration at the state of the race is starting to show in public.

A closing argument heavy on pleas, insults

Trump begs suburban women, 'Please like me,' and alienates allies as he trails in polls

By ELI STOKOLS AND NOAH BIERMAN

WASHINGTON — Sinking in the polls, strapped for cash and facing a potential tidal wave of early Democratic voting as coronavirus cases have soared, President Trump has found new culprits to blame for his political woes — his own supporters, Cabinet members and even fellow Republican leaders.

In appearances this week, he has

vented his frustrations with suburban women — a critical voting bloc that polls suggest he has lost to Democratic nominee Joe Biden — mixing an uncharacteristic personal plea with raw resentment and a curious claim of achievement.

"Suburban women, will you please like me? I saved your damn neighborhood, OK?" he said at a rally in Johnstown, Pa.

In Des Moines, he jabbed at Iowa farmers, who were battered by his trade war with China, saying they apparently prefer government

[See Trump, A6]

AS CAVALIER AS EVER: Trump's bout with COVID-19 hasn't humbled him. Even some supporters wanted to see a change in his attitude. **NATION, A5**

Exide plant can be abandoned, court decides

Ruling angers residents and officials and leaves the state to clean site blamed for lead contamination.

By TONY BARBOZA

A bankruptcy court ruled Friday that Exide Technologies may abandon its shuttered battery recycling plant in Vernon, leaving a massive cleanup of lead and other toxic pollutants at the site and in surrounding neighborhoods to California taxpayers.

The decision by Chief Judge Christopher Sontchi of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court District of Delaware, made over the objections of California officials and community members, marks the latest chapter in a decades-long history of government failures to protect the public from brain-damaging lead, cancer-causing arsenic and other pollutants from the facility.

The plan's confirmation only deepens a fiasco that has subjected working-class Latino communities across southeast Los Angeles County to chronic and dan-

gerous levels of soil contamination and made the area a symbol of environmental injustice.

Community groups have fought for years with the company and its environmental regulators to restrict harmful pollution, shut down illegal operations and clean up the toxic mess. The property's abandonment compounds the challenges of addressing ongoing health risks to young children and others living nearby, where thousands of yards remain riddled with lead, a powerful neurotoxin with no safe level of exposure.

"I'm frustrated and enraged that Exide is getting away with this, but also by how our system is failing us again and again," said Boyle Heights resident Idalmis Vaquero, who lives within the residential cleanup zone surrounding the plant. "It's infuriating. Our federal government is allowing a toxic polluter to walk away, leaving the victims of this contamination to figure out what to do next."

The decision followed a two-day court hearing with testimony from environmental regulators, company consultants and officers and [See Exide, A12]

In S.F., a murky legacy for Gascón

As he runs for D.A. in L.A., his Bay Area justice reform policies come under scrutiny.

By JAMES QUEALLY

Adriana Camarena abhors the idea that George Gascón is being touted as a reformer in the nationally watched contest for control of the Los Angeles County district attorney's office.

The Bay Area organizer spent years leading rallies against Gascón in San Francisco, and her voice rises with annoyance as she rattles off the names of men killed in controversial police shootings during Gascón's time as district attorney: Mario Woods, Luis Gongora Pat, Amilcar Perez-Lopez, Alex Nieto.

Although each of the men Camarena named was armed, their cases sparked public outcry and raised questions about Gascón's commitment to holding police accountable after he failed to prosecute the officers involved. Camarena said Los Angeles activists, who quickly embraced



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GEORGE GASCÓN is challenging Jackie Lacey for L.A. district attorney.

Gascón, should be more skeptical of the so-called "godfather of progressive prosecutors."

"I understand why they want a change, but I would say they are not going to get a change," Camarena said. "They are going to get somebody who is a career officer who has nothing to show as a progressive prosecutor."

A champion of alternative sentencing, diversion programs and reducing prison populations, Gascón had a tenure in San Francisco that earned him praise and endorsements from crimi- [See Gascón, A8]

Thailand's king faces trouble on two continents

By SHASHANK BENGALI AND ERIK KIRSCHBAUM

SINGAPORE — The scion of one of the world's most privileged families, he wrapped himself in the trappings of royalty, wealth and a comfortable hideaway thousands of miles from his subjects.

For Thailand's King Maha Vajiralongkorn, the cocoon has come undone with remarkable speed.

Last week in Berlin, the German government faced questions in Parliament over the king's legal status in Bavaria, where he resides. Foreign Minister Heiko Maas said that if the king were making decisions affecting Thailand from German soil, "We would quite clearly not stand for that."



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POLICE USE water cannons to disperse pro-democracy demonstrators calling for King Maha Vajiralongkorn's resignation Friday in Bangkok, Thailand.

Then, visiting Thailand this week to mark the fourth anniversary of his father's death, the king's family came face to face with pro-democracy protesters agitating for limits on his power. At one point, demonstrators confronted the queen's motorcade and hurled insults at her cream-colored Rolls-Royce.

In a country where criticizing the king or his family is punishable by up to 15 years in prison, the dramatic scenes in Bangkok provided the starkest illustration yet of the crisis facing Thailand's constitutional monarchy and the military-led government that supports it.

"The bubble that protected them from reality is bursting, without a doubt, [See Thailand, A4]

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Book recalls ‘seeds’ of who Trump is today

Ex-aide alleges racism, sexism and lies long before his rise to office

By Noah Bierman
and Chris Megerian

WASHINGTON — Nearly four decades ago, after erecting his eponymous skyscraper on Fifth Avenue in Manhattan, Donald Trump would sit behind his rosewood desk and muse about working in an even more powerful office.

“These politicians don’t know anything,” he said. “Maybe I should run for president. Wouldn’t that be something?”

Barbara Res, a longtime executive in Trump’s real estate company, brushed off the idea right up until he was elected president. Now that he’s in the final weeks of his reelection campaign, Res has written a new book titled “Tower of Lies” urging Americans not to give him a second term.

The book recounts racist, anti-Semitic and sexist behavior, along with Trump’s ability to lie “so naturally” that “if you didn’t know the actual facts, he could slip something past you.”

“The seeds of who he is today were planted back when I worked with him,” Res wrote. “He was able to control others, through lies and exaggeration, with promises of money or jobs, through threats of lawsuits or exposure. He surrounded himself with yes-men, blamed others for his own failures, never took responsibility, and always stole credit. These tactics are still at work, just deployed at the highest levels of the U.S. government, with all the corruption and chaos that necessarily ensue.”

The book, a copy of which was obtained exclusively by The Times ahead of its Oct. 20 release, adds to a growing shelf of election-year treatises flaying the president. Trump has been excoriated in print by Michael Cohen, his former fixer; John Bolton, his third national security advisor; Mary Trump, his niece; and Bob Woodward, the veteran journalist.

Trump’s campaign brushed aside the latest entry.

“This is transparently a disgruntled former employee packaging a bunch of lies in a book to make money,” said Tim Murtaugh, communications director for Trump’s campaign.

In her account, Res wrote that “bigotry and bias control Donald’s view of the world, even the so-called positive stereotypes, which are just as damaging, like saying the Japanese (whom he seems to despise) are smarter than Americans.”

She recalled Trump berating her when he spotted a Black worker on a construction site.

“Get him off there right now,” he said, “and don’t ever let that happen again. I don’t want people to think that Trump Tower is being built by Black people.”

Trump turned red-faced when she brought a young Black job applicant into the lobby of another building, she wrote.

“Barbara, I don’t want Black kids sitting in the lobby where people come to buy million-dollar apartments!”

Res wrote that Trump hired a German residential manager, believing his heritage made him “especially clean and orderly,” and then joked in front of Jewish executives that “this guy still reminisces about the ovens, so you guys better watch out for him.”

Trump and his campaign often pointed to Res during the 2016 election as an example of his progressive history of hiring and promoting women. But during her 18-year tenure, she wrote, Trump talked frequently and graphically about women’s looks and his own sexual exploits — and forced Res to fire a woman because she was pregnant and bar her own secretary from important meetings because she did not look like a model.

While visiting Los Angeles to talk about a potential development, he segued



New York Daily News

BARBARA RES, shown in 1980, was an executive in Donald Trump’s real estate company for 18 years.

from a discussion of different neighborhoods to how women in Marina del Rey had “tighter asses” than women in Beverly Hills or Bel-Air, Res wrote.

Trump “can’t stand” the working people who make up his political base, she wrote, but “was well aware of the public relations benefit of being liked by ‘the common man,’ and he exploited it, a behavior he continues to this day.”

Res recalled a lavish “topping out” party in 1982 to celebrate the completion of Trump Tower in New York. Trump persuaded the mayor and the governor to show up but balked at allowing the workers to attend, even though, she writes, such parties are typically thrown to celebrate their work.

“Construction workers? I don’t want the construction workers,” Trump said, grudgingly allowing “just the foreman.”

Res has been frequently critical of Trump since leaving the company two decades ago, and she pledged to vote for Hillary Clinton in

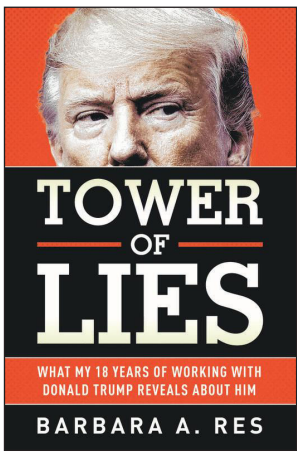
2016. She admitted some people may dismiss her experiences because she worked for Trump so long ago, but she said that would be a mistake.

After Res began criticizing Trump during the 2016 election, he lashed out at her, complaining in one speech in San Diego that he gave her “the break of a lifetime” despite warnings from his late father, Fred.

“What Barbara Res does not say is that she would call my company endlessly, and for years, trying to come back. I said no,” he said in a May 2016 tweet that has since been deleted.

If Trump has changed, she wrote, “He’s only become more himself. He is Trump raised to the nth degree, but Trump nonetheless. Donald Squared, I call him.”

Trump hired Res when he was planning his new skyscraper on Fifth Avenue. She recalled visiting his expansive apartment decked out in shades of white — carpeting, couches, tables, drapes — for a job interview



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RES’ BOOK is the latest of many treatises flaying the president, dismissed by his surrogates.

as Trump pitched her on the plan.

“It’s gonna be the most talked about building in the world,” he said. Then he added, “I want you to build it.” At the time, Res was a young project manager in the male-dominated New York construction industry.

Trump turned out to be a difficult boss, blaming others for his mistakes, taking undue credit and withholding promised bonuses on a whim. When inspecting Trump Tower during construction, he began screaming at how the marble wrapped around the columns.

“They ruin the atrium and they make me look cheap!” he said.

Trump calmed down when he proposed covering parts of the columns in bronze. Res agreed to the demand but never followed through, and Trump seemed to forget about it.

She called such acts a form of “civil disobedience,” in which staffers would agree to Trump’s “hare-brained ideas or outrageous demands” but not carry them out. She also recalled regularly telling subcontractors to give Trump higher prices than they had agreed upon with his subordinates so that Trump could get the satisfaction of bargaining them down.

“Donald had to feel like he had won something,” she wrote.

Those tactics would

sound familiar to White House officials, who have tried to manipulate Trump’s ego to soothe him and sometimes hope he forgets his most outlandish directives.

When Trump Tower was finished, his triplex apartment at the top was originally designed in a modern, minimalist fashion. But Res wrote that after he visited Russia’s Winter Palace, the gaudy home where the czar lived, Trump had his apartment redone.

“That’s how it is today, lots of gold leaf and cherubs, wildly excessive, like a child’s version of how a rich person lives,” Res wrote.

She recounts numerous examples of Trump squeezing business partners, the media or the people he worked with, just to get an edge, comparing his recipe for success to a player in the game of Monopoly who has no regard for the rules.

“Imagine if you cheated,” she wrote. “You took money from the bank, skipped spaces, put houses on your properties when no one was looking, and took everyone else’s houses. Would you win?”

After Trump Tower was finished, Res worked on and off for Trump until 1998, at one point serving as his executive vice president for construction and development.

Res said Trump changed over the years. Although always hotheaded and boastful, he became increasingly reliant on yes-men for gratification and addicted to the attention he received.

“His regard for himself had increased exponentially, as had his contempt for women,” Res wrote. “His sexism never extended to me, but it did to many others — including his wife Ivana, whom he would publicly belittle — and I came to see that I was the exception rather than the rule.”

As Trump has become increasingly powerful and famous, Res said, his worst qualities have only become more pronounced.

“It’s not hard to look at the trajectory of his entire life and spot an unmistakable pattern: The bigger he got as a name, the smaller he got as a person,” she wrote.

COVID-19 surges in lockdown-weary Argentine resort

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MAR DEL PLATA, Argentina — Hundreds of Argentine flags dotted the sand of a beach at the Mar del Plata resort, a poignant memorial to the victims of the novel coronavirus in one of this South American country’s new virus hot spots.

When the flags were planted last week, they were a tribute to the more than 500 people who had died of COVID-19 over the previous seven months in Argentina’s top resort. Since then, about 100 more have died and Mar del Plata has become an epicenter in a coronavirus surge through Argentina’s interior that has given it the fifth-highest confirmed case total in the world.

The resort’s new reality is starkly visible: Its beaches and businesses are deserted at a time when Argentines normally would be booking lodging and renting beach gear for the fast-approaching Southern Hemisphere summer.

In contrast, the Modular Hospital on the other side of town is busy with ambulances bringing COVID-19 patients and several days earlier had been on the verge of collapse.

“Today, from a health standpoint, Mar del Plata is in a very serious problem,” said Argentine Cabinet chief Santiago Cafiero.

When the pandemic emerged, Argentina was one of the first countries to take strict isolation measures to stop the spread of the coronavirus, winning plaudits from global health officials, and has had one of the world’s longest quarantines. But in recent months the number of confirmed cases has surged as Argentines weary of seven months of lockdown and pressured by a devastating economic crisis have stopped staying at home and obeying quar-



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A WOMAN sits next to a statue on the waterfront in Mar del Plata, Argentina. The country’s outbreak has shifted from Buenos Aires to provincial towns.

antine orders.

Though the country’s initial outbreak was focused in Buenos Aires and surrounding areas, the new outbreak is taking place in Argentina’s provinces and cities such as Mar del Plata on the coast and Rosario in the country’s east. Initially, up to 90% of the confirmed cases were in metropolitan Buenos Aires. Today, 65% of Argentina’s cases are in its provinces, authorities said.

Mar del Plata, which at the start of the pandemic reported one case a day or less, is now reporting an average of 300 confirmed coronavirus cases a day. Rosario, a city northwest of Buenos Aires with a population of more than 1 million, reported 1,250 confirmed cases in one day this week.

Mar del Plata’s outbreak especially concerns authorities because it normally receives hundreds of thousands of vacationers every year and they return to their home communities.

Dark clouds loom over

“La Feliz,” or “the Happy Place,” as the tourist hot spot is known, as the rising number of cases stress its hospital system. Inside the Modular Hospital, which was built this year to treat those infected by the coronavirus, the Associated Press saw a therapist busily treating five intubated patients in one small room.

“When the pandemic exploded in the metropolitan Buenos Aires area, we were in a honeymoon period,” said Verónica Martín, associate director of the Interzonal Hospital General de Agudos and the Modular Hospital.

Martín said the pandemic initially felt far away when it attacked Buenos Aires, but this feeling disappeared in August. She said Mar del Plata, south of Buenos Aires, and other cities outside the capital have limited hospital facilities and lack intensive care specialists.

In Mar del Plata “there is a floor of between 80% and

90% occupancy in intensive care units for COVID patients in the public [health-care] system, while the private system has warned more than once that it does not have beds for coronavirus patients,” said Gastón Vargas, director of the Eighth Health-Care Region of Buenos Aires province. Provincial authorities have said they will supply 12 new intensive care beds and more therapists for the Modular Hospital.

Medical personnel say infections are soaring partly because restaurants, clubs and other establishments have been unwilling to stick to social isolation measures amid the devastating economic crisis.

Specialists say Mar del Plata is an example of how municipalities in Argentina’s provinces have not reacted properly to increases in COVID-19 cases and instead of restricting circulation, have allowed activities to continue to ease rising poverty and unemployment.

The beach resort has 26% unemployment, twice the national rate, partly as a result of seven months of lockdown measures. Faced with bankruptcy, local restaurant owners declared war against some measures, allowing diners to eat inside, which is currently prohibited, although there is a green light for consumption in outdoor spaces. Clubs held clandestine parties and construction projects continued.

All this took place under the gaze of local authorities who failed to levy fines because they were scared of the scale of the economic crisis.

“Those who open as a form of protest are not going to be sanctioned,” said Fernando Muro, Mar del Plata’s secretary for productive development and innovation. He said the city should have a phase of “self-quarantine” that allows businesses to be active with adequate hygiene protocols.

“Nobody does this to be dishonest or clever or to hurt other people,” said Nicolás Parato, secretary of the Mar del Plata resort chamber. “There is a great need for work.”

Parato, who has a dessert shop and the concession for a recreational area with a pool and sun umbrellas with a view of the sea, recalled how during last year’s Oct. 12 holiday there were lines to get into his businesses and all the hotels were busy with people making reservations for their vacations.

“Today we are closing at 7 p.m. because there are no people,” said Parato, whose income is down more than 50% from last year.

Laura Bustos, a 54-year-old state worker who was chatting with a friend on the beach, said she was scared by the irresponsibility of some residents and was willing to accept stricter isolation measures.

A recent decree from

President Alberto Fernández extended quarantine measures in Argentina yet again, and Mar del Plata was one of the places ordered to remain in social, preventive and mandatory isolation at least until Oct. 25.

Bahía Blanca, Tandil and San Nicolás are other cities in Buenos Aires province that “show sustained transmission of the virus, sharp increases in the number of cases or tensions in the health system.” The situation is the same in municipalities in 16 other Argentine provinces. Only six districts enjoy greater openness.

With about 965,000 confirmed cases, Argentina has climbed to fifth place in the international ranking, behind the United States, India, Brazil and Russia, according to a tally by Johns Hopkins University.

Marcos Espinal, director of the Department of Communicable Diseases and Health Analysis at the Pan American Health Organization, lauded Argentina for being one of the first countries to implement isolation measures on March 20.

“Argentina has definitely taken good measures,” said Espinal, who noted that “what could have been improved” is the system for testing positive cases to proceed with faster and more effective isolations.

Eduardo López, an infectious-disease specialist who advises President Fernández, agreed the country correctly applied an “early quarantine” because when the contagions broke out in Spain and Italy “we knew we had tourists there.”

“But in the interior jurisdictions, where the cases were few, there was an excess of confidence. They did not see the impact that the pandemic was going to have in the month of August” in the middle of the Southern Hemisphere winter, López said.

Arrest of ex-defense chief stuns Mexico

U.S. charges of money laundering and drug trafficking shake trust in Mexican leaders' anti-corruption push.

By Patrick J. McDonnell

MEXICO CITY — He was the stern-faced chief of Mexico's armed forces, leading the battle against the nation's powerful drug cartels. In 2016, he denounced traffickers who had ambushed a military convoy, killing six soldiers, as "sick, insane beasts."

Now Salvador Cienfuegos Zepeda — who served as defense minister from 2012 to 2018 under then-President Enrique Peña Nieto — stands accused of helping a Mexican drug cartel smuggle "thousands of kilograms of cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine and marijuana" into the United States, according to court documents unsealed Friday.

The former general was arrested Thursday at Los Angeles International Airport after arriving on a Delta Air Lines flight from Mexico City with several family members, according to a law enforcement source who was not authorized to speak publicly.

The developments sent tremors through Mexico's leadership circles and jolted the country's military establishment, a cornerstone of state power.

The news was widely seen as the latest confirmation of the insidious nexus between a long-corrupt government and the criminal gangs that hold sway over much of the country.

"It is something very regrettable," said Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador, who was elected in a landslide vote in 2018 on an anti-corruption platform.



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SALVADOR CIENFUEGOS ZEPEDA, a retired general and Mexico's former defense minister, was arrested Thursday at Los Angeles International Airport.

The president said that the arrest was an example of the "decomposition" of government before he came to power and that the case did not taint the current military leaders, whom he described as "incorruptible" public servants he had appointed without Cienfuegos' recommendation.

The U.S. investigation was apparently kept secret from Mexican authorities, leading to questions here about trust between the two countries and speculation that other officials could be targets of similar inquiries.

An indictment unsealed in U.S. District Court in Brooklyn accused Cienfuegos of four counts of drug trafficking and money laundering. He allegedly took

bribes to allow the H-2 cartel — a spinoff of what is known in Mexico as the Beltrán Leyva cartel — "to operate with impunity in Mexico."

U.S. prosecutors said Cienfuegos used his position to spare the cartel from enforcement operations, facilitate maritime transportation for drug shipments, help expand turf and introduce gangsters to Mexican officials "willing to assist in exchange for bribes."

Evidence amassed against the former general — who was known as El Padrino, or the Godfather, according to the indictment — includes "thousands of Blackberry Messenger communications" that show direct contact between Cienfuegos and a senior cartel

boss, prosecutors said in court documents.

If convicted, he could face at least 30 years in prison.

Cienfuegos appeared via video Friday in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles. He was ordered held without bail until a hearing Tuesday. Federal prosecutors plan to transport him to New York for further proceedings.

There was no immediate comment from Cienfuegos or his attorney.

López Obrador told reporters Friday that he had no official knowledge of the investigation until the arrest. Mexican authorities were not investigating Cienfuegos, he added.

The arrest came as another former high-ranking Mexican official, Genaro

García Luna, faces federal drug trafficking charges in New York.

He served as security chief in the 2006-2012 administration of President Felipe Calderón and allegedly took millions of dollars in bribes from the Sinaloa cartel formerly headed by Joaquín "El Chapo" Guzmán, who is now serving a life sentence in U.S. prison.

Underlying the two explosive cases is a disquieting allegation: that Mexican drug trafficking organizations had senior Mexican security bosses in their pockets for a 12-year period, even as the presidents to whom the corrupt officials reported vowed to combat organized crime.

López Obrador has cited the case of García Luna in describing Mexico as a recovering "narco-state." García Luna, who was arrested last year in Texas and is now in U.S. custody awaiting trial in New York, has denied the charges against him.

Cienfuegos, 72, who spent more than 50 years in the Mexican military before retiring in 2018, was regarded as a firm commander who seldom spoke publicly. He did, however, express reservations about the military's controversial role in law enforcement.

Authorities here have increasingly relied on the military in lieu of police, who are widely viewed as corrupt — and, in many cases, on the payrolls of drug traffickers. López Obrador has broadened the military's role in many areas, including fighting organized crime and deterring U.S.-bound migrants from transiting through Mexican territory.

Since being dispatched to the front lines of the anti-drug battle more than a decade ago, military personnel have been implicated in cases of torture, killings, disappearances and other crimes. Yet polls show that the military remains among

the country's most trusted institutions. That is in part because of its humanitarian work: Mexican troops regularly respond to floods, hurricanes, earthquakes and other natural disasters.

Homicides have risen to record levels in recent years even as the military has been deployed into cities, towns and villages. Officials say more than 200,000 people have been killed in gang-related violence in Mexico since 2006, when then-President Calderón began to unleash the military in force against drug syndicates.

Critics say the so-called kingpin strategy — targeting mob leaders — has served to increase violence: Lower-level gang members regularly launch bloody campaigns to assume control of fragmented criminal organizations after top capos are killed or imprisoned.

Marring Cienfuegos' tenure in office were two notorious cases: the slayings by Mexican soldiers of at least a dozen civilians in the town of Tlatlaya, outside Mexico City, in June 2014, and the abduction and murder of 43 trainee teachers seized in Guerrero state that September. Human rights activists accused the military of misconduct in both cases.

But courts threw out charges against seven soldiers charged in the Tlatlaya case, and the military denied culpability in the disappearance of the trainee teachers.

The case of Cienfuegos recalled a scandal from more than two decades ago, when Mexico's then-drug enforcement czar, Gen. José de Jesús Gutiérrez Rebollo, was arrested in 1997 and later convicted of working for a drug cartel that he was tasked to fight. Gutiérrez Rebollo died in 2013 while serving a 40-year prison term in Mexico.

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Royal bubble bursts amid Thailand unrest

[**Thailand**, from A1] and in a very graphic way,” said Pravit Rojanaphruk, senior staff writer with the Khaosod English news site.

Since the skirmish with the motorcade Wednesday, authorities have banned large gatherings, arrested dozens of activists and charged two with violence against the queen, which carries a possible life sentence. Thousands defied the ban and rallied at a Bangkok intersection Friday evening until police in riot gear dispersed the crowd with batons and water cannons.

As the months-long protest movement continues, the reverence long demanded of Thailand’s monarchy is breaking down in ways big and small. Thais are refusing to stand for the royal anthem in movie theaters, lampooning the king in Facebook groups and openly questioning his immense wealth and spending.

The scrutiny he is now facing in Germany is an added nuisance for a 68-year-old king who has long treated his adopted home as a playground.

As the only son of King Bhumibol Adulyadej, who reigned for 70 years, Vajiralongkorn was destined to inherit the throne. But since about 2007 he has spent most of his time in Germany, where the tabloid press has followed his exploits with relish.

In the picturesque southern state of Bavaria, Vajiralongkorn, who has been married four times, is said to have purchased a villa near pristine Lake Starnberg in the town of Tutzing in 2016. He reportedly spends time there and at a four-star Alpine hotel in Garmisch-Partenkirchen that he rents out entirely for his entourage, including what one newspaper described as “hundreds” of servants.

The Sueddeutsche Zeitung in Munich reported this year that the king has “acquired an abiding fondness” for the rugged Bavarian foothills.

“He likes to pick straw-



THAILAND’S King Maha Vajiralongkorn and Queen Suthida leave Bangkok’s Grand Palace on Tuesday. The country has long demanded reverence for its monarchy, but that is breaking down amid a protest movement.

‘What I want to avoid is [that] a despot who isn’t treating his own people very well gets any kind of special protection here in Germany.’

— **TIM PARGENT**,
Greens member of Parliament
in Bavaria

berries, ride bicycles or visit one of the country inns after his tasters have tested everything first and his bodyguards have found the premises appropriate and safe,” the newspaper wrote.

As crown prince, he was known in Bavaria primarily for his eccentric tastes. He was pictured wearing a

tight-fitting crop top over an otherwise bare torso while getting on a ski lift, and covered in temporary tattoos during an excursion to a Munich mall.

Since he assumed the throne upon his father’s death in 2016, King Vajiralongkorn’s stay in Germany has become more controversial.

He amended the Thai Constitution to allow himself to rule from abroad without appointing a regent, as past monarchs did during long stints outside Thailand. After taking personal ownership of the estimated \$70-billion crown fortune, he broke with custom by intervening directly in Thai politics — barring his popular sister from running for office in 2019 elections, the first since a 2014 military coup.

“His authority is much greater than past monarchs, and he has exercised it very shamelessly since he ascended the throne,” said Junya Yimprasert, a Thai activist who was charged with insulting the monarchy in 2010 and went into exile in Finland.

She has organized several protests in Germany, including outside the hotel in Garmisch-Partenkirchen in September, when she said

members of the king’s entourage tailed demonstrators in a car and took their pictures.

When they reported the harassment to local police, she said, officers told her this was the king’s “normal practice.”

Activists and local media have raised questions about the king’s tax status in Germany, as well as whether the government approved his hotel stay while the rest of Bavaria was closed to tourism during a COVID-19 lockdown in the spring.

Last week in the Bundestag, a member of the opposition Greens party asked Maas, the foreign minister, whether the government approved of the king making policy decisions about Thailand from Germany.

“Why has the German government been tolerating for many months this extremely unusual and, in my view, illegal behavior in Germany by a foreign head of state?” asked the lawmaker, Frithjof Schmidt.

Maas responded that he was “aware of the many bizarre reports about what is happening there” but that the government’s position was firm.

“We have made it clear that policies concerning

Thailand should not be conducted on German soil,” he said.

In an interview, a Greens member of Parliament in Bavaria, Tim Pargent, said the party’s inquiries have established that the king was not in Germany as a diplomat, and is therefore bound by German laws and tax codes.

“If he likes living in Germany, that’s quite clearly his right,” Pargent said. “But what I want to avoid is [that] a despot who isn’t treating his own people very well gets any kind of special protection here in Germany. He should be treated like everyone else.”

In Thailand, where past democracy movements have been suppressed with bloody force, the government has been reluctant to use such tactics against the largely student-led protests. For months, Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha said the government would consider calls to amend the constitution but warned that the monarchy must be respected.

But many demonstrators appear to believe that Thailand’s political system cannot be reformed without trimming the sails of the monarchy, which has

seen its share of the public budget grow while economic inequalities worsen and the country faces a wrenching COVID-19 slowdown.

Frustration bubbled over Wednesday afternoon when the royal limousine — carrying Queen Suthida, the king’s fourth wife and a former flight attendant, and his son from a previous marriage, Prince Dipangkorn — turned onto a road near Government House, the prime minister’s office.

Pravit, the journalist, said about 200 protesters gathered there had not expected the motorcade to take that route. In video shot by Khaosod, one protest leader, college student Francis Bunkueanun Paothon, is seen speaking to police through a megaphone when a phalanx of black-clad officers suddenly pushes up against the crowd, clearing the road.

That was when the motorcade appeared. Many demonstrators flashed the three-finger salute that has become a protest trademark; others raised their middle fingers, yelled insults or chanted, “It’s my tax,” referring to the royals’ spending.

None got close to the car, and there was no damage. But on Friday, Bunkueanun stood outside a Bangkok police station and said he had been accused of intent to harm the queen, the most serious charge leveled against protesters since the demonstrations began.

Facing the prospect of life in prison, he wiped away tears but vowed to keep fighting “even if I have to risk it all.”

Michael Montesano, coordinator of the Thailand studies program at the ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute in Singapore, said protesters and the military were heading down a dangerous path of escalation. Prayuth told reporters Friday that he would not resign and issued a warning — “Do not challenge the Grim Reaper” — that some activists interpreted as a threat.

“This has become a genuine crisis,” Montesano said. “And the mechanisms for resolving the crisis, whether in terms of compromise or dialogue, don’t seem to exist.”

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Trump administration returns refugees, even as it tries to oust the troubled country’s leader over abuses.

By **TRACY WILKINSON**
AND **MOLLY O'TOOLE**

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration secretly deported numerous Venezuelans this year, even as it sought to overthrow their country’s government because of horrific abuses of its citizens, a senior Democratic senator said Friday.

Deportations were made through third countries to conceal the actual destination of the Venezuelans being forcibly returned to their troubled homeland, according to documents released by Sen. Robert Menendez of New Jersey, the senior Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The Trump administration has made the ousting of Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro a centerpiece of its foreign policy for Latin America. Nearly two years ago, President Trump recognized the head of the Venezuelan opposition, Juan Guaidó, as the rightful leader of the country and sought to delegitimize Maduro’s government. Numerous countries in the region and in Europe followed suit.

Yet the U.S. refused to give refuge to fleeing Venezuelans.

Menendez said the “stealth deportations” of Venezuelans continued at least through March, despite a 2019 law against flights to or from Venezuelan airports and despite the demonstrably dangerous conditions in the country.

“U.S. law forbids the forcible return of refugees to a place where their lives or freedom would be threatened, U.S. regulations have suspended all air travel to Venezuela, and U.S. foreign policy should be to counter the Maduro regime’s systematic abuses of human rights,” Menendez said in a letter to administration officials.

“The administration’s continued deportation of Venezuelan nationals appears to undermine these policies,” he added.

Menendez quoted communications from the State Department that confirmed that the deportations continued. He cited a February news briefing in which Elliott Abrams, Trump’s special envoy for Venezuela, said, “I wouldn’t say there is a complete freeze on the deportation of Venezuelans, but the number of deportations is extremely low.”

Critics said the administration is hypocritical for supporting the downfall of the Venezuelan government while being unwilling to protect fleeing Venezuelans.

“While the U.S. govern-

ment highlights the worsening humanitarian emergency inside the country, the White House has continued to send fleeing Venezuelans back to danger,” said Geoff Ramsey, an analyst with the Washington Office on Latin America, a think tank that follows issues in the region.

Menendez asked for responses from the State Department and the Department of Homeland Security. The Los Angeles Times did as well, but the State Department referred The Times to the Department of Homeland Security, which did not respond to requests for comment. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Homeland Security agency charged with deportations, did not provide comment on the record.

Under Maduro, a socialist former bus driver, Venezuela, a country once rich from oil, has descended into one of the world’s most grave humanitarian crises, with shortages of food, medicine and electricity.

Maduro, meanwhile, has used thugs to repress, beat and jail political opponents. According to a recent United Nations report, Venezuelans are routinely tortured and sexually abused in prison; the U.N. Human Rights Council has said the abuses amounted to crimes against humanity.

Several million people have fled Venezuela to neighboring South American countries. A smaller number have come to the U.S., yet the Trump administration steadfastly refused to grant Venezuelans permission to remain.

A program that grants “temporary protected status” has in the past allowed Haitians, Salvadorans and others to stay in the U.S. for a finite time if conditions at home were untenable or dangerous.

The Democratic nomi-

nee for president, Joe Biden, has said he would grant the temporary status to Venezuelans.

Trump has stressed the importance of the fight against the Venezuelan government, in large part to attract conservative Latino voters in Florida, where opposition to leftist regimes in Latin America, including Cuba, is popular. But his policies failed to dislodge Maduro or to improve Venezuela’s humanitarian crisis.

Ramsey, of the Washington Office on Latin America, said it was especially alarming that Caribbean nations were being enlisted as third-party destinations in the administration’s efforts to circumvent notice of the deportations. In the cases cited by Menendez, Trinidad and Tobago was the cooperating country.

Caribbean countries generally have weak legal systems and few protections for refugees, and are often obliging to the U.S. for aid and support.

Even as the Trump administration refused to consider most requests from Venezuelans for asylum or other protections, those applications rose.

According to Syracuse University’s Transactional Access Records Clearinghouse, which tracks data from U.S. immigration courts, cases of Venezuelans seeking asylum in the U.S. have gone up dramatically in recent years.

Last year, of 781 Venezuelan asylum cases decided in immigration courts, 33% were denied. In fiscal 2020, which ended last month, 819 of nearly 1,800 Venezuelan claims were rejected, a denial rate of 46%, despite a sharp drop in international travel that occurred as many countries, including Venezuela and the U.S., effectively closed their borders amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

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THE NATION

Trump stays the course after illness

Even among his supporters, many wish the experience would have humbled him.

By JAWEED KALEEM

When Jose Antonio Reyes Dupont died in early September after a three-week battle with COVID-19, his son wanted to send the \$10,000 funeral bill to President Trump.

Reyes, 84, was a lifelong Republican and die-hard Trump supporter who believed it when the president said early in the pandemic that the nation had the novel coronavirus “totally under control” and that it was no worse than the flu.

His son, Marco Reyes, a 38-year-old Democrat, was still deep in mourning when he turned on the television this week to see Trump boasting to supporters at a Pennsylvania campaign rally about his recent recovery from the disease.

“One great thing about being president: If you’re not feeling 100%, you have got more doctors than you thought existed in the world,” Trump said to cheers.

He went on to say that he “felt like Superman” after receiving a “miracle” experimental antibody treatment.

Alone in his living room outside Miami, the younger Reyes could barely contain himself.

“I literally wanted to jump into the TV and tell him off,” he said.

Trump “says he got a ‘miracle’ cure,” Reyes said. “My dad didn’t.”

Reyes had hoped that

Trump’s bout with COVID-19 would be a humbling experience. Instead, the president remains as cavalier as ever about the disease.

Trump’s access to state-of-the-art treatment and his nonchalance — encapsulated in a tweet advising “don’t be afraid of the virus” — have been particular sources of resentment for some of the families of the 218,000 people COVID-19 has killed in the U.S.

In hospital rooms across the country, patients are starting to ask whether they can receive the same treatment as the president. Families of those who died now wonder whether more could have been done.

The coronavirus outbreak at the White House has refocused attention on how Trump has dealt with the pandemic — his biggest political liability.

A Washington Post/ABC poll released last weekend found 58% of voters disapprove of how Trump has handled the pandemic.

Many of those are Democrats, but in interviews even Trump’s supporters said he seemed to lack empathy for those who have suffered.

Glenn Perkins, a 74-year-old retired construction worker in Phillipsburg, N.J., who was hospitalized for 32 days in the spring for COVID-19, said the president should not be “so outspoken with pride.”

“I support Trump. But as president you don’t go around pounding your chest,” Perkins said. “That I do not agree with. It’s a serious thing, the COVID.”

“I’m not jealous that he got this special treatment. I’m glad he did. But he’s all



BRENDAN SMIALOWSKI AFP/Getty Images

PRESIDENT TRUMP’S praise for his state-of-the-art treatment for COVID-19 has upset some Americans touched by the pandemic. Trump “says he got a ‘miracle’ cure,” said a man whose father died. “My dad didn’t.”

‘He should look not at himself but at all the people who passed away.’

— GLENN PERKINS, a Trump supporter who spent over a month in the hospital

puffed up and prideful. He should look not at himself but at all the people who passed away.”

According to Trump’s doctors, he received three main treatments: the steroid dexamethasone, the antiviral drug remdesivir and antibodies developed by Regeneron that are still being tested in clinical trials.

The president also was given supplemental oxygen and took vitamin D, famotidine, melatonin and aspirin, doctors said.

It is impossible to know which treatments helped him recover, or how he would have fared without them.

At recent rallies, Trump has promised that all Americans could soon have access to his level of care. On Tues-

day at the rally in working-class Johnstown, Pa., he said the mortality rate from COVID-19 would soon be “perfecto.”

“That drug that they gave me, we’re going to be distributing it all over the country to hospitals and everything else, because I’ll tell you, that sucker works,” he said. “That’s my opinion. What do I know? But to me it works.”

His enthusiasm is raising questions at some hospitals.

Dr. Scott Ellner, chief executive of the Billings Clinic, the largest health system in Montana, explained in an all-staff online meeting this week that its medical center in Billings would fly in about 80 medical workers to help deal with infection rates that have been rising dramatically in parts of the state.

A staff member wanted to know: Would the hospital provide the same level of medications that the president received? Ellner explained the hospital provides dexamethasone and remdesivir but does not have access to the monoclonal antibodies.

“If we could have access

to any of these novel treatments, we would be open to any allocation that’s available,” he said in an interview.

Dr. Otto Yang, a infectious-disease specialist at UCLA, said he has heard similar questions.

But he cautioned against believing the antibody treatment was “better than what the average person can get” — despite Trump’s description of it as a “miracle.”

“The treatment is in clinical trials and is not yet proven to be effective or safe,” Yang said.

Some Trump supporters said that the president’s recovery is a reason to feel hopeful about fighting the pandemic.

“I expect the elite among us to receive better healthcare,” said Joey Camp, 31, a grill cook at a Waffle House in Cartersville, Ga., who needed supplemental oxygen after he contracted COVID-19 in March.

Camp, who spent 10 days at a state-run quarantine site, noted that Trump “got better treatment and was out of the hospital after three days at his age.”

“That medical advance,”

he said, “gives me hope that within three months or six months or however long it takes for the vaccine trial, that we may start treating the coronavirus like the flu.”

Charlene Hughes took a different message from the president’s experience.

A caregiver living outside Minneapolis, she contracted the virus in the spring while working at the home of an elderly couple, one of whom died.

Hughes, who is 41 and has an autoimmune disease, suffered weeks of body aches, fever and coughing. She did not have to go to the hospital, but she racked up hundreds of dollars in out-of-pocket insurance bills to cover tests such as X-rays to monitor her for fluid in the lungs.

“People have been putting their lives on the line, while the president has been downplaying the seriousness of this issue,” she said. “His medical care just affirms the disparities in healthcare in this country.”

Times staff writers Richard Read and Kurtis Lee contributed to this report.

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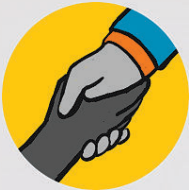
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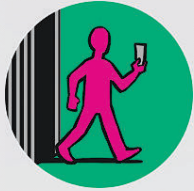
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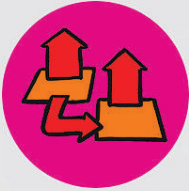
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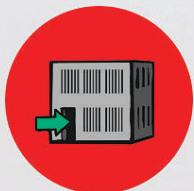
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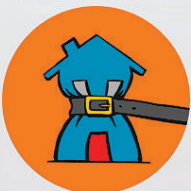
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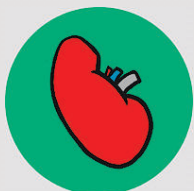
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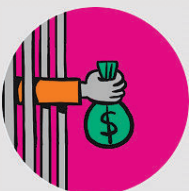
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Trailing Trump resorts to pleas, insults

[Trump, from A1] handouts to “working their asses off.”

At a town hall in Miami, he refused to disavow a far-right conspiracy-mongering group that falsely alleges a cabal of Satan-worshipping pedophiles is trying to take over the government. He also falsely claimed that the nation is “turning the corner” on the COVID-19 pandemic on a day when new infections and hospitalizations rose to their highest levels since April.

And on Friday, in a pitch to older voters at an indoor event in Fort Myers, Fla., Trump reiterated his ageist attacks on Biden, saying the 77-year-old former vice president is “gone,” and warned Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar, seated nearby, that any delay in developing a COVID-19 vaccine would be his fault.

“We’re counting on you,” he told Azar, then turned to the audience and said: “I’m going to blame him if this stuff doesn’t happen fast.”

Trump also attacked a Republican senator who is in a difficult reelection fight and whose seat could determine whether the party continues to control the Senate next year.

Sen. Susan Collins of Maine was “not worth the work,” he tweeted, citing a “nasty rumor out there” that she would not vote to confirm conservative jurist Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court. A Senate Judiciary Committee vote is scheduled for Thursday.

It wasn’t a rumor. Collins has said publicly that she would not vote to confirm a nominee this close to an election. Moreover, Republicans are desperate to hold her seat in the Senate, but with a 53-47 majority, they do not need her vote to confirm Barrett to the high court.

Collins was the deciding vote for Brett M. Kavanaugh, another of Trump’s Supreme Court nominees, in 2018. The decision contributed to an erosion of support for Collins, especially among women, in Maine.

Long before he was president, Trump was known for lashing out at close aides and business associates and even his own children, blaming and denigrating others while refusing to admit his own failings or faults.



JOHN BAZEMORE Associated Press

PRESIDENT TRUMP speaks at a rally Friday in Macon, Ga. He has recently lashed out at key voter blocs, aides and longtime allies.

Now with 17 days until election day, and over 20 million ballots already cast in record early voting, Trump’s anger and frustration is spilling into the open in ways unusual even for him.

“Trump is completely unhinged at the moment, knowing deep down that he is going to lose this election and possibly by a landslide,” said Michael Cohen, Trump’s former longtime lawyer and confidant, who became a fierce critic after being convicted of lying to the Senate about Trump’s business interests in Russia. “Trump cares for no one or anything other than himself,” Cohen said. “His supporters are only valuable to him if they vote for him at the polls.”

Four years after Trump leveraged Hillary Clinton’s description of his base as “deplorables” and successfully fused his own grievances with theirs, his final pitch to voters this time is far less clear, dwelling more on his own frustrations and fears

than the electorate’s.

“The dynamic is so much different than 2016, which was sort of a fanciful quest for the presidency,” said Michael D’Antonio, a Trump biographer. “Now he just has so much more to lose. He faces the prospect of not only shame and humiliation but also prosecution, and I think that’s terrifying to him in a way that nothing has been before.”

Trump has struggled to articulate a second-term agenda, and polls show he has failed to convince Americans that he has shown leadership or proved trustworthy during a pandemic that has killed over 218,000 Americans this year.

Barbara Res, a longtime Trump Organization executive who has just written a book about her 18 years working for him, said the only thing new about Trump’s long-held contempt for working-class people is that it’s spilling into public view.

“His world is personal

drivers, exclusive clubs, private planes, and parties. But without the MAGA hat-wearing white male, he has no political career,” Res writes in “Tower of Lies.” “So he created this charade. Friend to the common man? Give me a break. Trump can’t stand the common man.”

Sen. Ben Sasse (R-Neb.) let loose his deep frustration with Trump in a private phone call with donors this week that his office has since confirmed. Speaking of a key pillar in Trump’s conservative base, Sasse said the president “mocks evangelicals behind closed doors.”

During Trump’s rally Tuesday in Iowa, a state that months ago looked like a slam dunk for the president but is now a neck-and-neck race with Biden, Trump expressed nervousness about the state of play, urging supporters to “get the hell out to vote” and saying he would never return if he loses.

“I may never have to

come back here again if I don’t get Iowa,” he said. “I’ll never be back.”

He also suggested that Iowa farmers, who have been unable to sell their products overseas because of his tit-for-tat trade war with China, were happy to rely on the bailouts his administration authorized and were secretly relieved not to work as hard.

“I shouldn’t tell you this because they don’t like this, but some of the farmers were making more money the way that Iowa was doing than by working their asses off, all right?” Trump said. “They were very, very happy.”

He also complained that TV news coverage paid more attention to the derecho storms that destroyed hundreds of thousands of acres of crops in Iowa in August than to his nomination for a Nobel prize that he didn’t win.

For Trump’s strongest supporters, his blunt statements show his rough-hewn outsider’s persona and allow

them the sense of a shared joke at the expense of elites, the media and other foils.

But Trump’s travel schedule — he won Iowa by over 9 percentage points in 2016, for example — shows how the joke has grown old with others. Polls show a majority in Iowa disapprove of his handling of the pandemic.

On Friday night he campaigned in Georgia, a state he won by over 5 points in 2016 and that has not voted for a Democrat for president since 1992. Recent polls there show Biden ahead.

Trump “has always been a transactional figure,” said Amanda Carpenter, a former aide to Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) and a critic of the president. “He’s going through the various demographics he’s doing poorly with and saying, ‘I gave you this; now you owe me a vote.’”

“He expects: ‘I was loyal to you, now you be loyal to me,’” she added. “But people’s lives have been crushed.”

Feinstein’s role questioned after Barrett hearing

Progressives’ call for senator to exit senior post turns louder after her congenial show.

BY SARAH D. WIRE

WASHINGTON — California Sen. Dianne Feinstein walked into this week’s Senate hearing for Supreme Court nominee Amy Coney Barrett fully aware of Democrats’ concerns that she wasn’t up to leading their fight against Republicans’ rush to seat yet another conservative justice.

By the end of the week, however, Feinstein had given her opponents only more incentive to try to push her from her role as the Senate Judiciary Committee’s senior Democrat.

“Mr. Chairman, I just want to thank you,” the 87-year-old Feinstein, a Senate institutionalist, told Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina on Thursday, at the end of the four-day hearing. “This has been one of the best set of hearings that I’ve participated in, and I want to thank you for your fairness and the opportunity of going back and forth. It leaves one with a lot of hopes, a lot of questions and even some ideas — perhaps some good bipartisan legislation we can put together to make this great country even better.”

“Thank you so much for your leadership,” she added. When the televised hearing ended, she and Graham shook hands and hugged.

Within hours, enraged progressive groups called for Feinstein to either resign or step down as the highest-ranking Democrat on the committee, saying she had undercut Democrats’ argument that the hearing was all but illegitimate so close to a presidential election.

Polls have shown that a majority of Americans believe the winner of the elec-



Pool photo

SEN. DIANNE FEINSTEIN, senior Democrat on the Judiciary Committee, with GOP Sen. Lindsey Graham at the Supreme Court confirmation hearing.

tion should fill the seat left vacant by the death of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Meanwhile, Republicans prominently featured Feinstein’s comments and the hug with Graham in digital ads and news releases.

Lyse Hogue, the president of NARAL Pro-Choice America, in a statement Friday called for a new committee leader because Feinstein had “offered an appearance of credibility to the proceedings that is wildly out of step with the American people.”

“It’s time for Sen. Feinstein to step down from her leadership position on the Senate Judiciary Committee,” said Brian Fallon, executive director of the liberal group Demand Justice, which says it’s spending \$10 million to oppose the Barrett nomination. “If she won’t, her colleagues need to intervene.”

No such move is likely soon; for Democrats, it would be an unhelpful distraction ahead of the election. Yet the issue of whether Feinstein, who favors bipartisanship and Senate tradition, is the right person to lead Democrats on the Senate Judiciary Committee is

not going away. It will become all the more pressing if they win control of the Senate, putting Feinstein in line to be the committee’s chair.

Whether progressives’ pressure is enough to coax Senate Democrats to abandon the seniority tradition and toss Feinstein aside is far from certain. Feinstein has been a longtime target of progressives, including during her 2018 campaign, when she urged voters to return her to Washington for a fifth six-year term so she could become the powerful Judiciary Committee chair.

She would be the first woman to lead the committee. Democratic Senate aides say that chance at history, and the fact that the next three most senior Democrats on the committee are white men, weighs on any consideration of whether to prevent Feinstein from becoming chair.

As it happens, Feinstein was the first woman appointed to the committee nearly 28 years ago, after the backlash against its members — then all male — for their perceived mishandling of Anita Hill’s sexual harassment allegations against

Clarence Thomas during his 1991 confirmation hearing for Supreme Court justice.

Democratic senators murmur their concerns to reporters, and to one another, about whether Feinstein is willing or capable of countering Republicans, who for years have aggressively maneuvered to fill the judiciary with young, conservative judges or to block Democratic nominees. But no Senate Democrat has been willing to say as much publicly. And though some Democrats have privately shared their concerns with the party’s Senate leader, Sen. Charles E. Schumer of New York, it’s not clear that any have spoken to Feinstein.

The senator told Politico she was “surprised and taken aback” to learn this month that some colleagues had concerns. When asked for an interview, Feinstein’s staff referred The Times to a statement issued Thursday, in which she said she planned to vote against Barrett.

“The Senate is structured so the majority had absolute control over this process,” Feinstein said in the statement. “When Re-

publicans signaled they’d move ahead in the face of all objections, the only thing we could do was show this nominee would radically alter the court, and we accomplished that.”

In her 50 minutes of questioning Barrett, Feinstein did criticize Republicans for moving immediately after Ginsburg’s Sept. 18 death to confirm a new justice before the election. She also praised Barrett’s children for sitting quietly and asked for an introduction. She pressed Barrett repeatedly for her views on abortion rights, the constitutionality of the Affordable Care Act, gun control and upholding Supreme Court precedents, and she seemed frustrated at Barrett’s non-answers.

But at another point she said she was “really impressed” by Barrett’s explanation of “severability” — the question of whether a provision of law found to be unconstitutional can be “severed,” so the entire statute doesn’t fall; that issue could be crucial to the pending case against Obamacare.

As Feinstein indicated, Democrats can do little to stop Republicans from installing Barrett, one of the most conservative Supreme Court nominees ever and avowedly antiabortion, on the high court. At most, they can use procedural tactics to delay a Senate confirmation vote by a few hours or a day. Republicans aim for a Senate vote by Oct. 26.

With Barrett poised to create a 6-3 conservative majority on the court, progressives wanted Democrats to forcefully make the case against her and to engage in delay tactics, including attempts to shut down committee proceedings.

Outside the hearing room, there were protests and arrests for obstructing Congress. Inside, there were no raised voices from Democratic senators, no motions to adjourn.

Republicans on Thursday easily blocked Democrats’ move to indefinitely postpone the proceedings, after a lengthy but mostly congenial exchange in which Democrats lodged their objections.

Rhode Island Democrat Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse warned Republicans that Democrats will play by the same rules if they win control of the Senate in November.

“Don’t think when you have established the rule of ‘because we can’ that — should the shoe be on the other foot — you will have any credibility to come to us and say, ‘Yeah, I know you can do that, but you shouldn’t,’” Whitehouse said. “Your credibility to make that argument at any time in the future will die in this room and on that Senate floor if you continue.”

But whether Feinstein would follow through with that threat is what has progressives, and some Democratic senators, concerned.

Feinstein isn’t a rabble-rouser and never has been. She has clashed repeatedly in past years with progressives who have demanded that she be more confrontational.

For example, Feinstein has decried Republicans’ abandonment of a century-old Senate practice that allows a senator to essentially veto a judicial nominee from his or her state by declining to return a “blue slip” — a permission slip of sorts, so called for its color — to the Judiciary Committee chair. Yet she has been unwilling to commit to following Republicans’ lead if she becomes chair.

And that concerns Democrats. They fear that if Democratic nominee Joe Biden becomes president, Republicans will withhold their slips to prevent him from filling judicial vacancies — just as they did to block a number of President Obama’s nominees.

A jet pack near LAX? Theories are flying

[**LAX**, from A1] is a good chunk of L.A.'s aviation community, which has been buzzing about the sightings. Though jet packs make frequent appearances in popular culture and movies — think Sean Connery's James Bond and Disney's "The Rocketeer" — they are actually very rare.

There are only a handful of companies around the world that make jet packs, including a winged device created by former Swiss air force pilot Yves Rossy, which requires him to be hoisted in the air by a helicopter or balloon before he can take off.

There is also a type of hoverboard made by French firm Zapata and flown only by its inventor, Franky Zapata.

Locally, Chatsworth-based JetPack Aviation has created five jet packs that are worn like backpacks. But they're not for sale, and Chief Executive David Mayman said none of his competitors' products are sold to consumers, either.

It's possible that Wednesday's sighting near LAX was indeed a person flying with a jet pack. But the reported altitude makes such a flight seem "highly unlikely," said Mike Hirschberg, executive director of the Vertical Flight Society, a nonprofit professional organization.

Mayman said his company's jet packs are technically capable of soaring to heights of 15,000 feet. But because of fuel constraints, they can actually reach only about 1,000 or 1,500 feet off the ground safely. "To fly up to 6,000 feet from the ground, to fly around long enough to be seen by China Airlines and then to descend again, you'd be out of fuel," he said.

Mayman said he knows it wasn't any of his company's jet packs because he knows exactly where they are — plus, they are disabled when not in use, so grabbing a pack out of storage wouldn't be possible.

Instead, he suggests a more likely scenario, an electric drone — perhaps with a mannequin attached.

Thomas Anthony, director of the USC Aviation Safety and Security Program and a former Federal Aviation Administration criminal investigator, said the strongest evidence that the LAX sightings are of a person with a jet pack — as opposed to a balloon or drone — came from the American Airlines pilot, who reported seeing the object at 3,000 feet over Cudahy.

The pilot stated he saw "a guy in a jet pack" 300 yards to his left and flying at about the plane's altitude.

"That is quite close," Anthony



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DAVID MAYMAN, CEO of JetPack Aviation, demonstrates one of his devices July 14. Recent reports of someone with a jet pack near LAX have caused a buzz in the aviation community.

said.

He said federal investigators would immediately look at the limited number of jet packs that exist in the U.S. and overseas.

"People in that community will know who has bought these packs," he said. "If someone is doing this, they are going to have to take off and land somewhere, and there is going to be noise."

Anthony said he doubts the culprit is using an airport to take off and that investigators should look to out-of-the-way industrial spots for clues.

The FBI suggested the jet pack was flying in a section of South-

east Los Angeles County near Cudahy and Vernon that is dotted with commercial and manufacturing businesses.

The flying range of jet packs is pretty limited, Anthony added, so it's unlikely it would have traveled any great distance.

After the China Airlines pilot's report Wednesday, the LAX control tower called in a law enforcement aircraft to investigate.

The aircraft was flying about seven miles from where the pilot said he'd seen the jet pack, according to radio communications.

But when the craft arrived, no signs of a jet pack remained.

A jet pack could be operated as an ultralight — meaning it would not be registered and its operator wouldn't need a pilot's license if it met fuel capacity, weight and speed requirements, according to the FAA. Ultralight aircraft are permitted to fly only during the day and are barred from flying over densely populated areas or in controlled aerospace without FAA approval.

Anthony and others say it's imperative that the FBI investigate the sightings for safety.

"This does represent a very significant compromise of the airspace," he said.

■■■ ELECTION 2020 ■■■

'Insane' cash hauls for Democrats in Senate races

Candidates are raising so much money that they're looking for new places to spend it.

BY SEEMA MEHTA AND EVAN HALPER

Democrats have a new dilemma as election day approaches: They are running out of places to spend their mountains of cash.

Fundraising for the party's Senate candidates — even some in GOP strongholds — has so exceeded expectations that party operatives are rushing to rewrite their budgets and expand their reach.

In the three months ending Sept. 30, Jaime Harrison brought in a record-breaking \$57 million in his effort to take down an ally of President Trump, South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham. Former astronaut Mark Kelly raised nearly \$36 million in his Arizona race to unseat GOP Sen. Martha McSally. Amy McGrath, facing an uphill battle against Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell in Kentucky, raised a similar amount. In some cases, these candidates entered their campaigns as major underdogs.

Republicans are scrambling to keep up. A bidding war for the limited time slots left in the last three weeks of the campaign has driven up the cost of television advertising to astronomical levels. Democrats are so well-funded in the most hotly contested states that some groups aligned with them are decamping to take the fight deeper into GOP territory.

"We're reaching a point where there is nothing left to buy in some of these states," said Mike Madrid, a leader of the Lincoln Project, a group of Republicans working to



JOSHUA BOUCHER Columbia State

JAIME HARRISON debates Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham on Oct. 3 in Columbia, S.C. The Democratic challenger's fundraising has doubled Graham's.

defeat Trump and several of his GOP allies in the Senate.

Harrison raised more than double Graham's haul. The Democrat's campaign is buying so much advertising that the cost has become too high even for Madrid's well-funded group. The same happened in Maine, where Democrat Sara Gideon's \$39-million haul was more than five times the amount Republican Sen. Susan Collins raised.

"The amounts are so insane that it is getting to the point of what do you even do with it all?" said Anthony Corrado, a professor of government at Colby College in Maine. He said the two Senate candidates in his state have already raised more in this race than every candidate for Senate and House in Maine combined over the last 20 years.

"It is so far beyond the scope," Corrado said. "The airwaves are completely saturated. I don't even know if there is any more airtime

to get."

The energy is clearly on the Democratic side.

Between June 1 and Sept. 30, Democratic Senate candidates raised \$386 million and GOP candidates raised \$154 million, with Harrison raising the most of any Senate candidate in a three-month period ever, according to fundraising disclosures filed with the Federal Election Commission on Thursday. Much of it was through small donors, and much of the money flowed from California's large number of political contributors.

"The pandemic has put the failures of the Republican Senate in full view of the American people," said Rose Kopolczynski, a veteran Democratic consultant and longtime advisor to former Sen. Barbara Boxer. Donors have "realized, yes, we need to elect Joe Biden, but if we still have a Republican Senate, he's not going to be able to make progress."

The rush by Senate Re-

publicans to confirm Trump's nominee to the Supreme Court before the election has further galvanized millions of donors at a critical time, said Rob Stutzman, a GOP strategist critical of the president and who has a long history of working for California Republicans.

"What motivates donors is grievance, and Democrats are particularly aggrieved," he said.

The result is seven of the 10 most expensive Senate contests in American history are playing out right now, according to Advertising Analytics. Donors are spending not just on tight races but also in races that are symbolic, such as McGrath's.

A giant bank account is not always an indicator of success — California gubernatorial candidate Meg Whitman lost by double digits in 2010 despite mounting one of the costliest campaigns in history. But in several races this year, it could

tip the balance, Stutzman said.

They include the Iowa contest between endangered Sen. Joni Ernst and Democratic challenger Theresa Greenfield. The \$28 million Greenfield raised last quarter is more than quadruple what Ernst pulled in.

All that cash has campaigns moving beyond saturating TV and radio, and expanding into services for cord cutters and ads on social media platforms such as Instagram.

"There are limited vehicles to spend this money on, and all the good ones are gone," Madrid said. "But you've got to spend it. Whatever anybody is selling, you take."

His group is investing in growing the map, helping Democrats make inroads into ad markets where the GOP had not even anticipated it would have to compete. The Lincoln Project has joined other anti-Trump groups in moving into Senate races in Kansas, Montana, Alaska and Mississippi.

"I never imagined this is where we would be," Madrid said. "We're buying broadcast time in the Mississippi Delta."

The Biden campaign, meanwhile, has so much money that it has launched a virtual reality experience. On Friday the campaign unveiled "Biden Island," now open for players of "Animal Crossing" to explore.

The elaborate online community allows Biden enthusiasts to bring their avatars onto the island, where they can chat and snap selfies with a virtual Biden, deck themselves out in Biden swag and visit a cluttered campaign field office.

The Biden campaign, with a \$383-million haul for the quarter — \$125 million more than Trump's campaign raised — has even ex-

If a rogue pilot were flying at 6,000 feet without a transponder or radio, Anthony said, that would put him or her in the path of commercial airlines maneuvering over Los Angeles.

Airliners are designed to withstand getting hit by small objects. But a big metal object is another matter, especially if it were sucked into an engine.

"The engines aren't designed to consume something large and metal, or something with fuel that's going to burn or explode," Hirschberg said. "That could be potentially catastrophic for an airplane. You could potentially have an engine explode and bring down the airliner and potentially hundreds of people could die."

So is what has been reported near LAX really a jet pack?

Some experts say it's possible.

In February, a pilot in Dubai reached an altitude of 5,900 feet flying a Jetman jet pack powered by four mini jet engines with carbon-fiber wings. The pack's builders say it can reach speeds of nearly 250 mph. After a number of dip and roll maneuvers, the Dubai pilot descended to the ground using a parachute.

Others, though, are more skeptical. Hirschberg said the object seen near LAX could have been a balloon, particularly because the China Airlines pilot noted that the flying object was shiny.

Or it could have been a drone, he said. In recent years, some airports have had to halt flights after drone sightings. In 2018, London's Gatwick Airport closed for more than a day after repeated drone sightings.

Drones come in many shapes and sizes. In August 2019, an inventor demonstrated a flying man drone at a German remote control show. The drone was made to look human with a flight suit stuffed with bubble wrap, and with boots and a lightweight visored helmet attached to a battery-powered drone.

In the U.S., recreational users are not allowed to fly their drones higher than 400 feet, cannot fly over people or moving vehicles and are prohibited from interfering with crewed aircraft.

L.A. airspace is no stranger to unexpected sights. Back in 1982 a guy took flight over Long Beach in a lawn chair lifted aloft by helium-filled balloons. Pilots reported seeing him too.

As for the jet pack sightings, the FBI has so far been tight-lipped about its investigation.

But on the late August night when the mystery began, the air traffic controller summed up the feelings of many: "Only in L.A."

Gascón's Bay Area legacy is scrutinized

[Gascón, from A1] nal justice reformers and national progressive leaders, including Sens. Kamala Harris, Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren. But as Gascón tries to oust Los Angeles County Dist. Atty. Jackie Lacey in a race that many see as a flashpoint in a national debate about criminal justice, his policies in San Francisco are under a microscope.

In San Francisco, a number of activists, law enforcement officials and local leaders offer less-glowing reviews of Gascón. Mayor London Breed has endorsed Lacey, and the city's police union is one of many in the state spending millions to derail Gascón's campaign. Some of Gascón's former constituents argue that his diversion programs for low-level offenders removed the threat of punishment, driving a historic surge in property crime and car break-ins. Others, like Camarena, said his progressive reputation is more myth than reality.

Gascón insists that frustrations with him in San Francisco largely stem from resistance to his reform initiatives. Residents, he said, were poisoned against him by police unfairly blaming Proposition 47 — the landmark ballot initiative he coauthored that reduced several felony crimes to misdemeanors in California — for the city's struggles with auto burglaries, homelessness and drug use.

"It's very, very hard when a community is being bombarded every day by Officer Friendly telling them the reason we have a homeless person on the corner... is because of Prop. 47," he said. "It's a very powerful PR machine that is relentless."

San Francisco's property crime rate jumped 37% during Gascón's tenure, driven largely by record numbers of car break-ins. In 2017, the city reported more than 31,000 auto burglaries, the worst year on record, according to the San Francisco Chronicle.

A 2018 Public Policy Institute of California report found a link between the passage of Proposition 47 and increases in property crime and larceny. But one of the authors of that report, Magnus Lofstrom, cautioned against blaming all of San Francisco's ills on Gascón's signature policy initiative. The city's population rose significantly during Gascón's tenure, and increased tourism and wealth could have created more opportunity for auto burglars, Lofstrom said. Additionally, San Francisco police rarely, if ever, arrested suspects in car break-ins as they surged, the Chronicle reported.

Randy Shaw, head of the Tenderloin Housing Clinic in San Francisco, said he supported Proposition 47 but believes Gascón's policies were disastrous for the low-income neighborhood where he has tried to give aid



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SOME CRITICS blame George Gascón's efforts to keep defendants out of jail for a rise in crime. One murder case involving a man who had been granted pretrial release "weighed very, very heavily on me," Gascón said.

to the homeless for decades.

"He made no effort to deal with the drug and crime problems in the Tenderloin — none, zero. That might be generous. He might have been worse than zero," Shaw said. "He discouraged the police, because at some point they decided, what's the point in making these arrests, because he isn't going to prosecute them."

Gascón's prosecutors filed criminal charges in about half the felonies and 40% of misdemeanors presented to his office from 2011 to 2019, records show. But Gascón and his allies argue that the filing numbers show only a partial portrait of his record.

The filing rates do not capture instances in which prosecutors went after defendants for a probation violation rather than pursuing a new charge, according to Alex Bastian, a spokesman for the San Francisco district attorney's office. Taken together with filings, prosecutors "took action" in 59% of felonies and 54% of misdemeanors, records show.

Such tactics infuriated police officers, who said they felt like they were arresting the same people multiple times because of Gascón's reluctance to open new cases.

"They would dismiss the new case and file on the motion to revoke [probation]," said Tony Montoya, president of the San Francisco Police Officers Assn. "When you're on probation, there's supposed to be some deterrent to continue down the path that got you on probation. Now, there wasn't."

Roughly 10% of all misdemeanors brought to Gascón's office during his tenure were handled through a diversionary program called Neighborhood Courts. Launched in 2012, the program aimed to hold

low-level offenders accountable without saddling them with a criminal conviction.

Defendants in such cases would meet with community volunteers and be offered "directives" to make amends for their offense; these could include entering a drug treatment program or completing a community service regimen. As a result, the defendants would avoid a conviction, which Gascón hoped would reduce the likelihood they would reoffend later in life.

He was also a leader in a statewide movement to eliminate cash bail, using a risk evaluation based upon several factors — including criminal record, employment status and the severity of the offense — to determine the likelihood the defendant would appear in court, instead of making pretrial release dependent on the person's finances.

Taken together, the efforts seem to have accomplished Gascón's goal of cutting back on the use of prisons and jails. Records show that San Francisco's average daily jail population fell by about 27% during his tenure, from 1,746 in January 2011 to 1,271 in October 2019, when he resigned to challenge Lacey.

Brian Pearlman, who oversaw misdemeanor cases for the San Francisco public defender's office during Gascón's tenure, said he believes the programs were a lifeline for a number of first-time offenders and drug-addicted defendants who needed to see the inside of a treatment center rather than a jail cell.

"I saw so many people who went through that process finally seeing that system caring for them. ... I saw a lot of people work their way out of the criminal justice system into housing and help," he said.

But Lorraine French says her life, too, was forever changed by Gascón's progressive policies. The 80-year-old holds him partially responsible for the 2017 murder of her younger brother during a robbery involving a man who had been granted pretrial release under the risk assessment tool Gascón championed.

Lamonte Mims, who was already on probation when he was charged with gun possession that year, was released after an evaluation found him to be a medium public safety risk. Lorraine's brother Edward was taking pictures in the city's idyllic Twin Peaks area when he was shot and killed while Mims and a companion allegedly robbed him of his camera.

Mims was charged in the killing, though he did not pull the trigger. Officials later said a data error led Mims to receive a lower "public-safety assessment" score than warranted, but the slaying raised questions about the tool used to evaluate him.

French demanded a meeting with Gascón, during which, she said, the district attorney offered his condolences but then began "screaming" at her as she challenged him about the evaluation's role in her brother's death.

"When he started yelling at us, I said, George ... if you can't do your job, then quit," French said. "You chose to be the D.A. We have the right to question you."

Gascón denied that he yelled at French. Although he remains horrified by what happened in the Mims case, Gascón said, one tragic outlier does not invalidate the broad successes of the program. The same assessment tool, based on algorithm scores, is used in dozens of jurisdictions across the U.S.,

including L.A. County, where the courts last year received a grant to launch a pilot program with the tool.

"Just like there are times when people go out on bail and commit horrendous things ... a real tragic event occurred when a young man was released without bail, and he went on to murder someone, and that weighed very, very heavily on me," Gascón said.

For some, frustration stems from Gascón's rhetoric not lining up with results. Although his office filed misconduct charges against dozens of police officers, his refusal to prosecute police in fatal force cases has been criticized in the wake of nationwide protests over the police killings of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor.

The decision not to file charges against officers in the 2015 shooting of Woods, a 26-year-old stabbing suspect who was under the influence of methamphetamine, has hung heaviest over Gascón throughout his campaign.

Bystander video appeared to show Woods, who was holding a knife, walking away from officers when he was shot. Police say Woods ignored orders to drop his weapon before officers opened fire.

At the time, Gascón said the officers "would have been derelict in their duty to protect the public had they let Woods escape." His decision was heavily criticized by then-Public Defender Jeff Adachi and John Burris, the civil rights attorney who represented Woods' family.

About five months later, officers in the city's Mission District shot and killed Gongora Pat, a homeless man who advocates said was suffering a mental health crisis. Police responded to reports of Gongora Pat waving a knife but found him seated

when they arrived at the scene. When he refused to comply with orders to drop the weapon, an officer shot him with a beanbag round. Police allege that Gongora Pat then got up and marched toward an officer with the blade in his hand, and two of them fired a volley of fatal gunshots.

The encounter lasted less than a minute, and many have criticized the officers for failing to de-escalate the situation, claiming the decision to shoot a less-lethal round at Gongora Pat while he was on the ground provoked the deadly incident. Gascón decided he could not prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the officers were criminally liable.

Gascón, who did not prosecute any officers in on-duty killings during his eight years in office, has argued that he was hamstrung in many shooting cases in San Francisco by state law that severely limits when police can be charged in deadly force cases. He supported a 2019 Assembly bill that raised the threshold requiring that police use fatal force only when "necessary" instead of when "reasonable." Under the new law, Gascón says, he would have charged the officers who shot Woods.

"It's a very comfortable position for Gascón. This is what he always does," said Camarena, who was a spokeswoman for the Gongora Pat family. "It always seems like the ball is never in his court."

Gascón maintains he is more qualified than Lacey to confront officers who take lives unjustly, arguing that Lacey has declined to bring charges in far more egregious cases involving unarmed people. A review of San Francisco police records shows that the majority of shootings in which Gascón declined to prosecute involved suspects armed with guns, knives or blunt objects.

Despite the outcome of the Woods case, Burris said he believes Gascón is genuinely dedicated to police reform in a way most other prosecutors are not.

"I think he wants to do it. I think his philosophy certainly is there; his legal philosophy and his commitment to social justice certainly seems to be there. I never doubted it," he said.

Hillary Ronen, a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, had been critical of Gascón's record on police shootings but ultimately endorsed him. Making enemies of activists and police unions shouldn't be considered a flaw on Gascón's record, she said, but rather should be seen as proof of his independent streak.

"I worked very closely with him and believe him to be a very genuine and good person," she said. "But I will tell you, he didn't have a ton of good friends in San Francisco by the time he left."

Justices to hear case for leaving immigrants out of census

Excluding those here illegally could have huge implications for California for 10 years.

By DAVID SAVAGE

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court said Friday it would give President Trump another chance to exclude immigrants in the U.S. illegally from the 2020 census, in a case that targets the political power of California and other states with large immigrant populations.

The justices agreed to hear a special argument Nov. 30 to decide for a second time whether the census should consider residents' citizenship or immigration status. By then, Amy Coney Barrett may have been seated as the new ninth justice.

The Constitution says the once-a-decade census should count the "whole number of persons in each state" and use that data to divide up seats in the House of Representatives and allocate federal funds to states and localities.

Throughout U.S. history, that language has been interpreted to mean that all residents are counted, regardless of whether they entered the country legally.



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IN DALLAS, volunteers urge residents to list family for the census regardless of their legal status. Texas stands to lose representation if immigrants are excluded.

Last year the high court decided in a 5-4 vote to reject the Trump administration's plan to include a citizenship question on the census.

But in late July, Trump announced that it would be the "policy of the United States to exclude from the apportionment base aliens who are not in a lawful immigration status ... to the maximum extent feasible."

"My administration will not support giving congressional representation to aliens who enter or remain in the country unlawfully, because doing so would create perverse incentives and

undermine our system of government," Trump said in a written statement at the time.

Democrats denounced the move as an unprecedented effort to shift political power from areas with large immigrant populations to whiter, more rural states.

Demographers estimate that excluding immigrants here illegally from the count could cost California at least one congressional seat.

Texas would also probably lose some representation, while states with few immigrants, including Ala-

bama and Montana, would probably gain.

In addition to the redrawing of legislative boundaries every 10 years, census figures are also used to distribute billions of federal dollars among the states.

Democratic attorneys general in New York and several other states sued, arguing that Trump's policy violated the law and the Constitution. A three-judge court in New York agreed, blocking Trump's move.

But the high court's justices said they would hear an appeal in Trump vs. New York, giving the administra-

tion an opportunity to revive the policy.

Dale Ho, director of the American Civil Liberty Union's Voting Rights Project, said he expected the high court would again reject Trump's argument.

"President Trump has repeatedly tried — and failed — to weaponize the census for his attacks on immigrant communities," Ho said. "The Supreme Court rejected his attempt last year and should do so again. The legal mandate is clear: Every single person counts in the census, and every single person is represented in Congress."

It is not clear as a practical matter how the census figures could be revised to exclude those who are in the country illegally, because the census itself does not ask about citizenship. The administration says it is exploring options such as using other government records to determine how many people to exclude.

It is also not known what will happen if Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden wins the election. His administration would probably not adhere to Trump's stated policy.

Under the law, the president must present state-by-state apportionment figures to the House, but Democrats who control the chamber might try to reject

Trump's count if they believe it is improper.

Throughout Trump's presidency, the White House has targeted undocumented immigrants in general and California in particular, and argued that the state's political power in the House and in the electoral college is inflated because of a large population of residents who are here illegally.

Texas Republicans have also asked for census data that would allow them to exclude such residents when they redraw the electoral districts for the state Legislature. Doing so would shift political power away from areas such as Houston and the Rio Grande Valley and toward less Latino, more rural areas of the state.

Friday's announcement was the court's second this week on the census. On Tuesday, the justices granted an appeal from Trump's lawyers and said the Commerce Department could halt its counting and field operations this week.

In response to the pandemic, the Census Bureau had said this year that it would continue counting until the end of October, but administration officials wanted a faster timetable to ensure the final results would be available for Trump to act on them before his current term ends in January.

BUSINESS

Unemployment falls, but it's still grim

As of last month, the state has recovered 38% of the jobs lost in March and April.

By MARGOT ROOSEVELT

California's unemployment rate ticked down last month as the state slowly recouped some of its lost jobs, even as it continued to rack up coronavirus cases.

September joblessness was 11%, down from 11.2% in August, state officials reported Friday. That compares with just 3.9% in September of last year.

California has regained 38% of the 2.6 million jobs lost in March and April as the pandemic devastated the economy. In September, payrolls grew by 96,000 nonfarm jobs to 15.98 million, less than August's gain of 113,800. A year earlier, the state counted 17.41 million nonfarm jobs.

"California's labor market recovery is clearly decelerating," said Scott Anderson, chief economist of the Bank of the West in San Francisco. "Virus cases are on the rise, wildfires are decimating California communities, and federal government support is running dry."

The COVID-19 pandemic has continued to spread across California, with experts saying the true number of people infected is unknown and probably much higher than official tallies. Confirmed cases statewide since the start of the outbreak topped 869,000 as of Friday. The death toll exceeded 16,800.

The nationwide job market was considerably brighter than California's last month. The U.S. unemployment rate at 7.9% in September was lower than California's. Since February, California has lost 9.2% of its payroll jobs, compared with 7% nationwide.

More than 2 million Californians were counted as unemployed in September, but that doesn't include hundreds of thousands of discouraged workers who have dropped out of the job market.

The labor force, which includes both job holders and job seekers, has shrunk by 850,000 people since February — pushing down the state's official unemployment rate.



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PATRONS DINE outside a Manhattan Beach restaurant in July. Last month, the state's leisure and hospitality sector gained 48,400 jobs.

Many California businesses remain closed, and economists warn that the job market will not strongly recover until the virus is under control.

"If we keep adding jobs at September's rate, the state will not return to February's level of employment until sometime in 2022," said Taner Osman, research manager at Beacon Economics, a Los Angeles consultancy. "That's sobering news for those who have lost work since the outbreak of the pandemic."

The discouraging jobs report comes as negotiations between the Trump administration and congressional Democrats over renewing federal unemployment benefits, along with aid to local and state governments, have broken down. Democrats want a larger stimulus package than Republican are willing to approve.

The \$600 weekly federal supplement for unemployed workers expired at the end of July, and a \$300 replacement for some workers ran out

last month.

An emergency benefit for the self-employed and for independent contractors, who do not qualify for state unemployment aid, is slated to end in December.

State and local governments are facing a deep slump in tax revenue. California was counting on a federal stimulus to reverse \$11 billion in budget cuts in education, housing and government payrolls. With no aid forthcoming, the state is instituting pay cuts for most of its 230,000 employees.

"Furloughs are turning into permanent layoffs," said Sung Won Sohn, an economist at Loyola Marymount University. "California may have to brace for a long period of economic doldrums."

Job postings in California are down 24.8% since January and there has been no uptick since August, according to Michael Bernick, a former director of the state Employment Development Department.

"Small businesses are

not reopening in significant numbers nor are revenues increasing, in comparison with the recovery among large employers," he added. "The state's 45 local workforce boards are reporting very little new hiring."

Still, seven of California's 11 industry sectors reported modest gains last month. Leisure and hospitality had the largest increase: It grew by 48,400 jobs, mainly in hotels and restaurants, some of which have set up outdoor dining and stepped up deliveries. But the sector, which has shrunk 28.5% in a year, has a long way to go before it is fully recovered.

Many entertainment venues have yet to reopen. Walt Disney Co. announced in late September that it would lay off 28,000 U.S. workers, largely at its theme parks, cruise line and retail stores.

Other sectors hiring in September were retail trade (up 27,400 jobs), healthcare (up 11,100), and "other services," which includes businesses such as auto repair

and dry cleaning (up 10,900).

Government jobs posted the largest decline last month: The sector shed 14,300 positions, mainly federal census workers.

Regionally, Orange County, with an unemployment rate of 9%, saw the largest job gain, adding 21,000 positions for a total of about 1.57 million.

Unemployment in Riverside and San Bernardino counties was 10.4% in September, and payrolls there gained 7,500 jobs.

Los Angeles County, with a jobless rate of 15.1%, gained just 5,600 positions for a total of about 4.94 million.

"Across the state, the unemployment rate correlates with the prevalence of

COVID-19," said Fernando Lozano, a Pomona College economist, adding that the five counties with the highest joblessness are among the 10 counties with the most cases of COVID-19 per 100,000 inhabitants: Imperial, Kern, Tulare, San Joaquin and Los Angeles.

"Households and firms adapt their economic decisions to the pandemic risk," Lozano said. When they feel at higher risk, "people stay at home, stop going to malls and restaurants."

The September jobs report is based on two federal surveys, one of 5,100 California households and one of 80,000 businesses in the state, conducted the week of Sept. 12.

Twitter backtracks on its handling of Hunter Biden story

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Twitter was wrong to block web links to an unverified political story, Chief Executive Jack Dorsey said Friday, as the company responded to criticism over its handling of the story that had prompted cries of censorship from the right.

"Straight blocking of URLs was wrong, and we updated our policy and enforcement to fix," he tweeted, shortly before the company confirmed it had resumed allowing users to share the New York Post story about Hunter Biden, son of Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden. "Our goal is to attempt to add context, and now we have capabilities to do that."

Dorsey was weighing in after an executive at the social media company announced changes late Thursday to its policy on hacked content after an onslaught of criticism.

Twitter will no longer remove hacked material unless it's directly shared by hackers or those working with them, the company's head of legal, policy, trust and safety, Vijaya Gadde, said in a Twitter thread.

And instead of blocking links from being shared, the platform will label tweets to provide context, Gadde said.

"We want to address the concerns that there could be many unintended consequences to journalists, whistleblowers and others in ways that are contrary to Twitter's purpose of serving the public conversation," she said.

Twitter and Facebook had moved quickly this week to limit the spread of the story published by the conservative-leaning Post, which cited unverified

emails believed to be from Biden's son that were reportedly discovered by President Trump's allies. The story has not been confirmed by other publications.

Twitter initially responded by banning users from sharing links to the article in tweets and direct messages because it violated company policy prohibiting hacked content.

But it didn't alert users about why they couldn't share the link until hours later.

Dorsey had first tweeted that it was "unacceptable" the company hadn't provided more context for its action. A little over 24 hours later, Gadde announced that the company was making changes after receiving "significant feedback (from critical to supportive)" about how it enforced the policy.

The company initially said the link to the New York Post story would still be blocked under a policy prohibiting sharing of personal information.

On Friday, the company resumed allowing users to share the story, with a spokesman saying the personal information contained in emails that were part of the New York Post report are now so widely distributed that it's no longer a violation of its private information rule. The New York Times earlier reported Twitter's decision.

Facebook said it was "reducing" the story's distribution on its platform while waiting for third-party fact checkers to verify it, something it regularly does with material that's not banned outright from its service, though it risks spreading lies or causing harm in other ways.

U.S. budget gap tops \$3 trillion

Spending in response to the pandemic triples the deficit, setting a record.

BLOOMBERG

The U.S. budget deficit more than tripled to a record \$3.1 trillion in the latest fiscal year on the government's massive spending aimed at softening the blow from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The increase brought the deficit as a share of gross domestic product to 16% in the year that ended in September, the largest since 1945, a Treasury Department report showed Friday.

At the end of the financial crisis in 2009, the ratio was close to 10% before slowly narrowing through 2015.

Investors have handed the government ultra-low borrowing costs to finance the spending, resulting in a 9% drop in federal interest payments during the year.

But the national debt is now bigger than the size of the economy, and it could be almost double GDP by 2050 as an aging population places more demands on programs such as Social Security and Medicare, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

The risk is that in the long term, rising debt could end up sparking inflation and repelling investors if the market becomes too saturated.

Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome H. Powell and other officials say eventually the debt trajectory will need to be addressed, but now



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THE NATIONAL DEBT is now bigger than the economy, and it could be almost double GDP by 2050. Above, the U.S. flag flies at the Capitol in Washington.

Officials say eventually the debt trajectory will need to be addressed, but now isn't the time to worry because unemployment remains high.

isn't the time to worry because unemployment remains high and the pandemic shutdown has crushed many businesses, warranting further support for the economy.

Although the central bank cut the benchmark interest rate to near zero in March and expects to keep borrowing costs very low for years to come, lawmakers re-

main deadlocked over additional fiscal aid ahead of the Nov. 3 election.

The report showed federal spending jumped 47.3% to \$6.55 trillion in fiscal 2020, driven by increased outlays for unemployment compensation and small businesses that were approved by President Trump and Congress.

Government revenue declined 1.2% as receipts from

individual and corporate income taxes fell amid the pandemic shutdowns.

Underscoring the massive fiscal relief efforts this year, the Treasury's report showed \$275 billion in outlays for federal additional unemployment compensation that included the now-expired \$600 supplemental weekly jobless payments. Spending for state unemployment benefits totaled nearly \$196 billion in the fiscal year.

Spending on national defense went from the second-largest outlay in fiscal 2019 to fifth in 2020 as the pandemic induced larger spending for income security, health and Medicare.

What to do after the layoff

Attend to your mental health, advocate for yourself, and assess finances, next steps.

By RACHEL SCHNALZER

Millions of Californians have lost work as a result of the pandemic, and even as parts of the state's economy have begun to recover, several sectors are still shedding jobs. Losing your job can be frightening, and those who have not experienced it before are often unsure what to do — in the moment and in the aftermath. The Times spoke with three experts to learn about steps you should take if you get laid off.

Care for yourself: Before we get into the details of tasks such as brushing up your resume and applying for new roles, let's focus on the importance of taking a breath and caring for your mental health in the wake of a layoff. "Having job losses is like going through the stages of grief," says Jada Black, an executive coach and associate director at UCLA's Anderson School of Management. You might have to act quickly to advocate for yourself, but in general, "take the time that you need to have self-care."

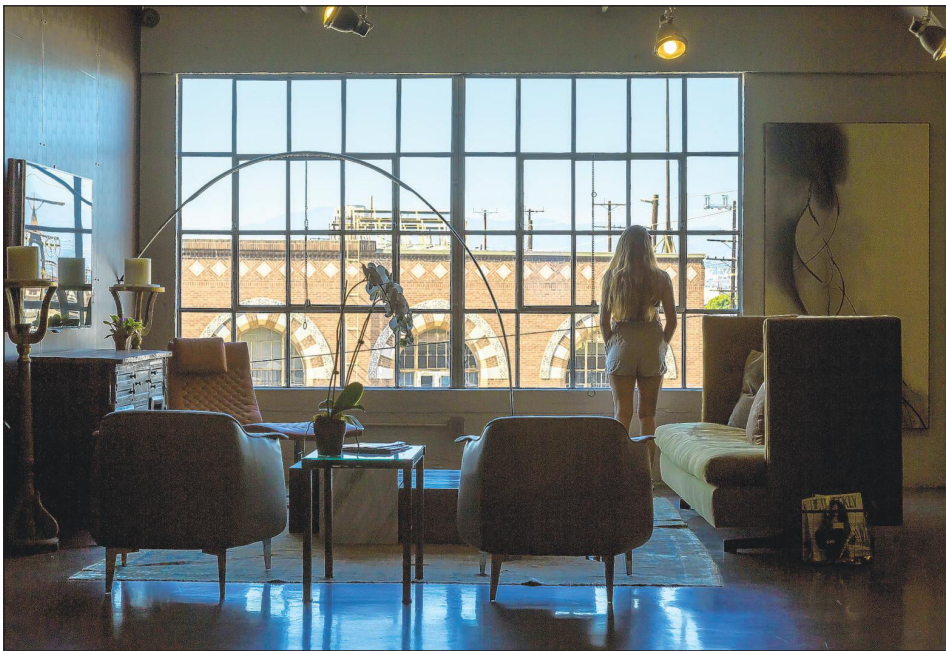
Try to negotiate your severance: While you process news of your layoff, make sure you're getting everything you're entitled to and looking for opportunities to negotiate, says Jada, who prefers to go by her first name. "Make sure that from a legal standpoint or from the policy standpoint of the company, that you're getting what you're entitled to receive," Jada says, encouraging workers to account for any vacation days and sick leave they have accrued.

In addition to getting what is owed to you, keeping an eye on your severance package is a key way to make sure you have as comfortable a financial cushion as possible while you look for another job.

"People need to be really on top of everything that they can do to bring additional income in," certified financial planner Marie Thomasson says. "One of the biggest overlooked ways of doing that is with your severance."

Consider contract work: If you're worried about making ends meet, you might ask your former employer if they would be open to you continuing to work for them on a contract basis.

"Maybe it's not the full-time role that you held. But maybe there's some other ways to examine this that



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RENT IS OFTEN a person's biggest expense, so try to negotiate a lower price with your landlord. Or sublet that loft and move in with family, one advisor says.

would serve both you and the organization," Jada suggests. She recommends speaking with your manager, in concert with human resources. Short-term contract work "gives that person the ability to ... [pay] bills and financial obligations, particularly if there isn't severance that's being extended."

Think about your benefits: In addition to applying for unemployment, deciding what to do for healthcare and other benefits is a crucial next step, Thomasson says. She recommends finding out if any of your benefits — such as insurance policies — can be carried over after your job ends and how much they cost to continue.

"Whatever benefits you have that are portable, identify them first," she advises. "Usually they [carry over for] about 60 days, and you'll have a few months to make a decision as to whether or not you can really afford them."

Work on your budget: After you're laid off, "you have to sit down and look at your budget," Thomasson says. In addition to determining where you can trim off non-essential expenses, she says, you should be realistic about the difficulties of finding a job during a pandemic. "However much time you think it's reasonable to be unemployed ... maybe you want to double that."

Rent is often individuals' biggest expense in Los Angeles. Thomasson recommends trying to negotiate a lower rent with your landlord. "It never pays to not talk to someone."

It could also be worth subletting your apartment and living with family for a while, she suggests. "If you live in L.A., and you've got a loft downtown or a place in Santa Monica, then it might be a really great time to rent

that out."

Learn about new career paths: A layoff is a good time to reset and consider what you want to do next, Jada says.

"If we're going to look at what is the silver lining ... with the pandemic and job loss, it's the ability for each and every one of us to be more in touch with who we are," Jada recommends thinking about when you felt most excited, alive and valuable at work, and using this to guide where you'd like to work next.

With clients who are facing job transitions, career coach Karen Suarez asks questions designed to pinpoint whether they'd like a role similar to their previous job or whether they're looking for a change. If they want to switch careers or positions within an organization, "that's when I tell them that we need to figure out your transferable skills," Suarez says.

Update your resume and LinkedIn: Even if you're taking some time to reset before diving into the job search, start getting your resume and LinkedIn profile in shape soon after a layoff, Suarez says. "It takes easily three to six months to find a job. So it's really important that they start early."

Resumes should be tailored to each role you're applying for, especially given the prevalence of software that zeroes in on specific keywords, Suarez explains. "The second thing really after the resume is to create a LinkedIn profile," she says, if you don't already have one.

Jada encourages job seekers to be confident in explaining their work history, layoff and all. Showing visible discomfort about your layoff "might repel people," she says. She encourages applicants to communicate to

hiring managers that they used their time between jobs productively. "How did you recover from [the job loss]? How did you move yourself forward from it? I think that's the compelling story that people can be telling."

Apply for jobs and prepare for interviews: In addition to looking at online job postings, it's crucial to lean into networking, Suarez says. A huge number of jobs are obtained through connections. (It's a little tricky during the pandemic, when you can't just meet up for coffee, but there are ways to get around that.)

As you look for new roles, it's also important to hone your video interview skills, Suarez says. "I know most people are doing Zoom meetings, but a Zoom interview is so different."

The internet is full of sample interview questions to practice, and Suarez advises that job applicants be ready to answer a new popular question: "How have you been handling yourself during the pandemic?"

An emergency option: If you're in a financial bind, it may be possible to take money out of your 401(k) this year without an early-withdrawal penalty under the coronavirus stimulus package. This should be one of the last resorts.

"I don't necessarily encourage this, but if you have to take money out of your 401(k), this is the year to do it," Thomasson says. Under the program, the money must be taken out for a reason related to the pandemic.

Have a question about work, business or finances during the pandemic, or tips for coping that you'd like to share? Send us an email at californiainc@latimes.com, and we may include it in a future newsletter.

MARKET ROUNDUP

S&P 500 posts 3rd straight weekly gain; Nasdaq falls again

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Wall Street closed out a choppy week of trading with more of the same Friday, as a late-afternoon stumble led U.S. stock indexes to a mixed finish.

The Standard & Poor's 500 ended the day just a fraction of a point higher after a burst of selling erased a 0.9% gain. Despite a three-day stretch of losses, the benchmark index still managed to finish higher for the week, its third straight weekly gain.

Big Tech and energy companies fell while healthcare and industrial stocks rose. The Dow Jones industrial average also eked out a gain, while the Nasdaq composite posted its fourth straight loss. Treasury yields were flat.

The market had been up for much of the day after the government reported that retail sales rose in September for the fifth straight month. That report appeared to overshadow new data showing U.S. industrial production had its weakest month since the spring.

The market's late-day fade capped a week of volatility as companies began reporting their third-quarter results and traders' hopes for a new round of economic stimulus from Washington dimmed.

The S&P 500 rose 0.47 point to 3,483.81. The Dow gained 12.11 points, or 0.4%, to 28,606.31. At one point, it had been up by 348 points. The Nasdaq fell 42.32 points, or 0.4%, to 11,671.56. The Russell 2000 index of small-cap stocks dropped 5.08 points, or 0.3%, to 1,633.81.

Despite the market's downbeat finish, the major indexes have already recouped most of their losses from September's swoon.

Stocks have been mostly climbing this month, but trading became choppy this week as talks between Democrats and Republicans on a stimulus package failed to deliver results. Investors have been hoping that Washington will provide more support for the economy since July, when a \$600-a-week extra benefit for the unemployed expired.

Traders have been watching economic data closely to see whether the

loss of that beefed-up unemployment aid would lead to an overall pullback in spending. On Thursday, the government said the number of Americans seeking unemployment aid increased last week to 898,000, a historically high level that underscores how the economy remains hobbled by the pandemic and recession that erupted seven months ago.

Friday's retail sales report provides some encouragement, suggesting Americans' appetite for spending remained solid last month. The Commerce Department said retail sales rose 1.9% in September, the fifth straight monthly increase. The report initially juiced shares in retailers and other companies that rely on consumer spending, but most of those gains evaporated by the end of the day.

Other data point to persistent weakness in the economy. The Federal Reserve said Friday that U.S. industrial production fell 0.6% last month, the weakest showing since April's 12.7% skid amid widespread business shutdowns due to the pandemic. Economists had been expecting an increase.

A surge in new coronavirus infections in Europe, the Americas and parts of Asia is also giving traders reason to turn cautious. The new caseloads prompted governments in France and Britain to impose new restrictions and contributed to some of the selling in the market earlier this week.

Across the S&P 500, analysts are expecting companies to report another drop in profits for the summer from year-ago levels. But they're forecasting the decline to moderate from the nearly 32% plunge in the spring, reflecting some signs of improvement in the economy since then.

Analysts have been raising their third-quarter earnings forecasts after lowering them sharply ahead of the second quarter. That means it will be tougher for companies reporting results to beat expectations.

Several big companies report quarterly results next week, including Netflix, Coca-Cola, Tesla, Southwest Airlines and American Express.



Major stock indexes

Index	Close	Daily change	Daily % change	YTD % change
Dow industrials	28,606.31	+112.11	+0.39	+0.24
S&P 500	3,483.81	+0.47	+0.01	+7.83
Nasdaq composite	11,671.55	-42.31	-0.36	+30.08
S&P 400	1,997.34	-5.48	-0.27	-3.18
Russell 2000	1,633.81	-5.07	-0.31	-2.08
EuroStoxx 50	2,921.83	+42.43	+1.47	-14.14
Nikkei (Japan)	23,410.63	-96.60	-0.41	-1.04
Hang Seng (Hong Kong)	24,386.79	+228.25	+0.94	-13.49

Interest rates

Treasuries	Yield	Weekly change	6 month change	1 year change
T-bill: 1 year	.12	-0.03	-0.05	-1.44
T-note: 5 year	.32	-0.02	-0.02	-1.23
T-note: 10 years	.76	-0.03	+0.15	-0.99
T-bond: 30 years	1.52	-0.06	+0.31	-0.73

Bank & mortgage rates	Rate	Week ago	6 months ago	1 year ago
6 Month CD	0.30	0.30	0.31	0.45
1 Year CD	0.44	0.44	0.45	0.62
2 Year CD	0.47	0.47	0.48	0.68
30 Year Fixed	3.04	3.03	3.01	3.53
15 Year Fixed	2.57	2.55	2.48	3.08
30 Year Jumbo	3.11	3.12	2.98	3.63

Commodities

Commodity: Unit	Delivery date	Close in \$	Weekly change	1 year change
Oil: Barrel	Nov 20	40.88	+0.28	-12.90
Gold Ounce	Oct 20	1,900.80	-18.70	+412.60
Silver Ounce	Oct 20	24.37	-0.70	+6.87

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Roth will exit Warner Bros. TV

No replacement has been named for leader whose hits were the envy of Hollywood.

By MEG JAMES

Warner Bros. Television Chairman Peter Roth, one of Hollywood's most successful executives, will step down early next year.

For more than two decades, Roth shepherded onto the TV screen such hits as "The West Wing," "The Big Bang Theory," "Two and a Half Men," "Gilmore Girls," "One Tree Hill," "Smallville" and "Gossip Girl" — cultural touchstones that generated hundreds of millions of dollars in profit for Warner Bros.

He was instrumental in extending the broadcast life of "Friends," which was long the studio's biggest cash cow. And he helped salvage "Two and a Half Men" after the chaotic departure of Charlie Sheen in 2011.

The bounty produced by Roth's TV pipeline helped the Warner Bros. studio ride out the ups and downs of the volatile movie side of the business.

Roth, whose upcoming departure was announced Friday, becomes the latest high-profile executive to call it quits amid the turmoil brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, which has accelerated trends in viewership and forced companies to rethink operations.

Warner Bros., now owned



CHRIS FRAWLEY Warner Bros.

PETER ROTH will step down as the TV unit's chairman in early 2021.

by telecommunications giant AT&T, has spent the last few months undergoing a painful restructuring and deep cost-cutting, which has resulted in the layoff of hundreds of employees and hastened the retirement of some senior executives.

"Working at Warner Bros. has been the greatest, most meaningful, most rewarding experience of my career," Roth, 69, said in a statement. "For the past 22 years, I have had the privilege to be associated with some of the most inspiring creative talent, the most impactful television series and the most dedicated and passionate people I have ever known."

Warner Bros., in announcing the move, stopped short of naming a replacement, although the company has been looking for a younger generation of leadership as it tries to expand its nascent streaming service, HBO Max.

Channing Dungey is the

leading candidate to succeed Roth at the studio, according to knowledgeable people who were not authorized to speak publicly.

Until earlier this month, Dungey served as vice president of original content at Netflix. Before joining Netflix in late 2018, Dungey spent more than a decade at ABC, where in February 2016 she became the first Black president of a major broadcast network. While at the Disney-owned network, Dungey nurtured such shows as "Private Practice," "Scandal" and "How to Get Away With Murder." Earlier in her career, she spent five years as a Warner Bros. production executive.

Warner Bros. has long been Hollywood's most prolific TV studio.

Roth has been a magnet for talent, writers and producers who appreciated his unflappable manner and easygoing style.

But his low-key demeanor belied his skills as a tough negotiator who secured top-dollar deals with NBC, CBS, ABC and Fox for his writer-producers. Roth signed exclusive overall deals with such heavyweight producers as Chuck Lorre, Greg Berlanti, J.J. Abrams and Katie McGrath's Bad Robot Productions, Ava DuVernay, John Wells, Damon Lindelof, Robert Zemeckis, Bryan Cranston and Mindy Kaling.

Roth's steady leadership and the number of juggernauts produced by Warner Bros. TV became the envy of other media companies.

Roth joined the studio in

March 1999 as its president; he was upped to chairman in February. During his more than two decades leading the studio, 32 scripted prime-time series that he championed reached the prized 100-episode milestone.

Before that, Roth served as president of Fox Entertainment. He helped lead a creative surge for Rupert Murdoch's network with such shows as "The X-Files," "Ally McBeal" and "That '70s Show."

His departure from Warner Bros. will advance a wholesale changing of the guard at the venerable Burbank studio. Since AT&T assumed control of the Warner Bros. studio, premium channel HBO and the Turner TV channels, there has been an exodus of top executive talent.

Warner Bros. said Roth's exit has been in the works for several months.

"Peter and I have been meeting for some time about this, and while there's never a great moment to say goodbye, he felt that this was the right time to transition in a new leader for the group," said Ann Sarnoff, chair and chief executive of WarnerMedia Studios and Networks Group, in a statement. "He's delivered hundreds of shows, thousands of episodes and millions of viewers, with one singular vision — to work with the best people and to make the best television series. ... We're thankful for his contributions to our company and wish him the very best."

OPINION

LETTERS



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ACTIVISTS OPPOSED to Supreme Court nominee Amy Coney Barrett protest in Washington on Sunday.

‘Originalism’ hubris

Re “WE SHOULDN’T FEAR ORIGINALISM ON THE HIGH COURT,” OPINION, OCT. 15

ORIGINALISM IS NOT “COMMON SENSE,” contrary to University of Virginia law professor Lawrence B. Solum’s assertion. Instead, it is the noxious idea that we are bound by the prejudices and bigotries of long-dead generations in interpreting broad terms like “equal protection of the laws.”

Take the due process clause of the 5th Amendment, preventing the government from depriving a person of “life, liberty, or property, without due process of law.” What did “liberty” and “property” mean to the slave owners who framed that amendment? Their definition of those terms has been shown by history to be not just wrong, but also evil.

On top of being morally repugnant, originalism is self-contradictory. The framers could have written into the Constitution an explicit requirement that terms were to be construed according to their common meaning at the time of ratification. But they didn’t, meaning that originalism is affirmatively placing a modern meaning on the Constitution it most certainly did not have at ratification.

In fact, the framers were steeped in the common-law tradition, in which judges continuously refined and changed the law over time.

BRANDEN FRANKEL, Encino
The writer is an attorney.

One phrase in Solum’s piece jumped out at me: “Barrett did say that Roe [vs. Wade] is not a ‘super-precedent,’ a kind of case so widely accepted that it could never be overruled.” He then compares it to the 2015 decision in the gay marriage case Obergefell vs. Hodges, stating it “reflected a change in social norms that seems likely to stick.”

I am not sure how he concludes that allowing a woman to have control over her own body and health-care decisions is not a super-precedent, while Obergefell legalizing gay marriage, which I celebrated, is.

Roe has been the law of the land since 1973. Polls show that women overwhelmingly support the right to choose. How is Roe not a super-precedent?

I am not a legal expert. I am a woman who believes

that no woman is free until she can control her own body and make her own decisions about what happens to her body.

JILL GLUCK
West Hollywood

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Solum shrouds the radicalism of his position on judges and the Constitution with a clever but disingenuous line: The Constitution’s “words should be read as the public would have understood them at the time each provision was written.”

As historians know, discerning intent and meaning is the most challenging and most contentious part of interpreting the past.

But Solum does not consider such responsibility a burden. Instead he shows his breathtaking hubris, shared by Supreme Court

nominee Judge Amy Coney Barrett, in saying, “Why would anyone object to this common-sense idea?”

Originalist legal scholars will tell us what the text means and the rest of us are left to bow down to their “common-sense” judgments. Some democracy.

MICHAEL PROVENCE
La Jolla

The writer is a professor of history at UC San Diego.

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Solum’s defense of originalism comes up empty. Originalism requires historical and linguistic expertise that most legal professionals do not have. History is shrouded in ambiguity and thus is susceptible to manipulative interpretations.

For example, Solum states that an originalist could not have affirmed the “separate but equal” doc-

trine. How could he be so sure?

Is it not plausible that an originalist could have found that the 14th Amendment’s framers distinguished between political and social equality — say, between voting and jury service on the one hand, and education and public transportation on the other?

It is unfair to force litigants to tailor their arguments to fit a judge’s historical preferences. Of course, the historical context is important, but it should not be the determinative factor.

Above all else, the Constitution commands the federal government to ensure the general welfare. It guarantees equal justice under the law. Its words belong to all of us, not just the framers.

CHARLES KOHORST
Glendora
The writer is an attorney.

Social media is racists’ bullhorn

Re “Democracy is a target for white nationalists,” Opinion, Oct. 13

What Sophie Bjork-James describes about white nationalists targeting democracy is unfortunately nothing new.

When I served as a regional director for the Anti-Defamation League, part of my portfolio included tracking skinheads, Christian identity adherents and other white supremacist groups. Although they were relatively small in number, they could be lethal.

My colleagues were threatened, and Timothy McVeigh and a couple of his like-minded friends murdered 168 people at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City in 1995.

The common thread of these groups was their desire to foment “racial holy war.” Their main target was not people of color, whom they believed to be either too ignorant or inept to cause trouble. Instead they focused on the Jews, whom they believed were the ones in true control of minorities and therefore the actual enemy.

The enormous and frightening difference between then and now is social media. Facebook and Twitter have slowly come to address the threats that their platforms pose, but much more control is needed. These people may seem to be on the fringe, but make no mistake: They are dangerous, and they are proliferating.

BARBARA H. BERGEN
Los Angeles

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Bjork-James claims that the plot to kidnap Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer was a far-right extremist plot. At least one of the six people arrested was an anarchist who did not like President Trump.

Furthermore, the claim that many in the media have made over the last several months is that the president said that there were “fine people” on both sides of the 2017 protests in Charlottesville, Va. What is often left out is that just before that comment, Trump called neo-Nazis “very bad people.”

Most of the rioting and property destruction over the last several months have been caused by groups on the left. Furthermore, the groups that are undermining democracy and squelching free speech at universities and in corporations are also on the left.

BARBARA KIMELMAN
Tarzana

Sabotaging L.A. education

Re “When will schools reopen? It depends,” Oct. 14

Parents in Los Angeles County have been left in the dark on education, so I thank reporter Howard Blume for his explanatory piece on reopening schools in the area.

The fact that L.A. County is imposing reopening restrictions on itself beyond what the state is requiring is abhorrent. Since the state has allowed counties to consider waivers on allowing in-person classes up to the sixth grade, why are children in L.A. County being held hostage?

A whole generation of children is being required to stare at screens most of the day because employee unions are given control over whether a school district reopens. This does not serve the needs of children.

It is as if we are just handing computers to small children because no one wants to be bothered with the labor of making changes to accommodate classes during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our children deserve better.

KARLEEN BASCH
Los Angeles

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I’ve seen the signs and heard the yelling since the beginning of the pandemic that “this is a scam,” and now I’m wondering just what that scam might actually be.

Aside from removing the chance of infecting children and staff, there is nothing to be gained by a school district refusing to open. On the contrary, it would be much easier and much less expensive to just bring everyone back and continue as if nothing is going to happen.

That is, it’s easier until the district becomes ground zero for transmission of the virus from the schools to the homes to the broader community, as the science and experiences elsewhere have shown.

The children and the community are not well served by bringing them back to an environment that is not adequately prepared and does not have the protocols in place needed to protect them.

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Where are the undecideds?

THE L.A. TIMES’ LETTERS page reflects not the broad balance of public opinion as much as the thinking of a large, self-selected group of readers who choose to make their views known to us. Still, there are times when I cannot help but think our readers neatly capture the zeitgeist of our polarized age. So it is with the letters on the dueling presidential town halls Thursday night put on by President Trump and former Vice President Joe Biden.

The events pantomimed as forums for undecided voters, but the reactions to them suggest they made the strongest impressions on people who had already made up their minds. Letter writers who favor Biden echoed the Democrat’s criticism of the president, and readers who prefer Trump echoed his attacks on the media and the former vice president. There was plenty of digging in, and no apparent changing of minds.

— PAUL THORNTON, letters editor

Brett Skarupa of Helendale, Calif., went after the media:

NBC journalist Savannah Guthrie’s behavior in her town hall with Trump was abhorrent. She was the moderator, yet she asked 43 questions compared to the 10 asked by members of the audience. She turned the

event into a debate with the president.

The media’s main responsibility is to accurately report the news, not constantly ridicule the president. Guthrie and her cohorts should be ashamed of themselves for this totally biased election coverage in 2020.

David L. McDaniel of Capistrano Beach made a similar argument:

Shame on The Times for its biased coverage of the two town halls. Biden’s was an obvious exercise in how to make sure a candidate can sit upright and answer softball questions. Trump’s was an exercise in throwing fastball questions at him.

If The Times got any more biased for Biden, it would just be a periodical for the Democratic Party.

Lynn Lorenz of Newport Beach was reassured by Biden:

What could be more comforting to the American public right now than to listen to the former vice president’s knowledgeable answers to the questions asked at his town hall? His answers revealed his vast experience in government and his gregarious and friendly connection to the public.



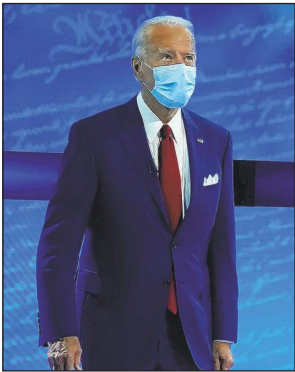
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PRESIDENT TRUMP held a town hall on NBC the same time as Joe Biden’s on ABC Thursday night.

Far from presenting himself as a policy wonk, Biden strove to establish a connection between a kinder and less chaotic time and the possibility of a brighter future. I think many Americans welcomed “Uncle Joe” reassuring us that the American Dream has not disappeared.

Marcy Sheinwold of Laguna Woods said the country is ready to break up with the president:

Trump is a bad blind date. Instead of sweet talk, hope for a better tomorrow



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and love, Trump offers empty promises and disinformation. If you are looking for a dependable future partner, Trump is not it. Women voters should have no illusions. Trump wants to erode abortion rights, eliminate the protections of the Affordable Care Act and dodge any responsibility for his failure to control the pandemic.

He will not pay attention to us but only brag about himself. He can also be combative. We should simply leave this date waiting outside the door.

Numbers and letters

776

Printable letters to the editor were received between last Friday and this Friday.

171

Letters were written about the Amy Coney Barrett hearings, the week’s most-discussed topic.

51

Readers discussed the COVID-19 pandemic, including President Trump’s positive test and diagnosis.

35

Letters mentioned the GOP ballot-drop boxes, the third-most discussed topic.



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Toxic waste site set to be abandoned

[Exide, from A1] health experts, much of it about the threats to the environment and the public from abandoning a hazardous facility with the remediation unfinished. The recycling operation, located about five miles from downtown Los Angeles, has not been fully demolished and remains partially enclosed in a temporary, tent-like structure designed to prevent the release of lead and other toxic pollutants.

In his verbal ruling, Sontchi concluded it is not an imminent threat to the public.

“The entire property is not sort of a seething, glowing toxic lead situation,” Sontchi said.

“We have a very dangerous element that will cause long-term health effects” and takes time to accumulate, he said. “I don’t think any of that indicates there’s an imminent, immediate harm to the general public if this property is abandoned.”

State officials blame decades of air pollution from the plant, which melted down used car batteries until its closure five years ago, for spreading lead dust across half a dozen communities, including Boyle Heights, East Los Angeles, Commerce and Maywood. The area has more than 100,000 residents.

A state-led cleanup has so far removed contaminated soil from 2,000 residential properties, as well as as well as parks, day-care facilities and schools. But thousands more have yet to be cleaned in the largest remediation project of its kind in California.

The Trump administration, through the U.S. Department of Justice and the Environmental Protection Agency, supported Exide’s plan, which also leaves behind toxic sites in several other states. Those sites too remain a threat to public health and the environment.

The Justice Department said it received more than 1,000 written public comments in opposition to the proposal, which was released three weeks ago and provided the public eight business days to weigh in. More than 650 people called in to a five-hour public hearing Tuesday, with 125 people giving oral testimony that was “universally and strenuously and sometimes emotionally opposed to approval,” according to a Justice Department filing.

Community outrage did nothing to change the position of the Justice Department, which urged approval of the plan in a court document a day later.

Gov. Gavin Newsom issued a statement condemning the court’s decision, which he said would allow Exide to “evade responsibility for poisoning the homes, playgrounds and backyards” surrounding its facility.

“I am outraged that the federal bankruptcy court let Exide and its creditors off the hook today and decided that lead exposure does not pose an imminent or immediate harm to the public,” Newsom said. “That is wrong, it ignores decades of scientific evidence, and it is a dangerous decision that we absolutely intend to appeal.”

California refused to sign on to the settlement, in which the state would receive \$2.6 million in exchange for a release from liability. The state has already set aside more than \$270 mil-



Photographs by AL SEIB Los Angeles Times

THE EXIDE battery recycling operation has not been fully demolished and remains partially enclosed in a temporary, tent-like structure designed to prevent the release of lead and other toxic pollutants.



JOE GONZALEZ of Boyle Heights was among those who spoke out against the plan to abandon the plant. He holds the wrist bands from his cancer treatments.

lion toward cleaning thousands of homes surrounding the facility with elevated levels of lead in the soil.

If California had agreed to the plan, the Vernon property would have been placed into an environmental response trust charged with cleaning the site. Instead, the company moved forward with a “nonconsensual” plan that would impose a release of liability and abandon the property.

Sontchi’s ruling, however, required that California be allowed to file an administrative claim. Under the decision, the property may be abandoned on Oct. 30, giving the state two weeks to take over the site.

“If they’re unable to transfer this property in the next two weeks, it’s because of their own bureaucracy or their own inability to act,” Sontchi said.

Local elected officials were incensed by the ruling.

“This blatant disregard for the community by Exide, the DOJ and the judge is just another reminder that if you’re brown and poor, you’re disposable,” Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia (D-Bell Gardens) said in a statement.

“Today we have witnessed another disturbing injustice,” State Assemblyman Miguel Santiago (D-Los Angeles) said in a statement. “We will fight this horrific decision and stop the harm that is being done to our communities.”

The facility, which sits on a 15-acre site, remains half-demolished and partially covered in white plastic sheeting, scaffolding, and a negative-pressure system designed to prevent the release of lead, arsenic and other hazardous pollutants.

The enclosure requires daily maintenance to prevent tears, according to the state Department of Toxic Substances Control. Earlier this week the department issued a document saying the Vernon site may pose an “imminent and substantial endangerment to the public health or welfare or to the environment,” which officials called a protective measure to give it more power to take steps needed to protect the community from the release of pollution if the site is abandoned.

In a court filing earlier this month in support of abandoning the plant, Exide Chief Restructuring Officer Roy Messing said the site is “of inconsequential value and burdensome” because if not sold or abandoned, it would require “significant expenditures in connection with ongoing decommissioning and remediation obligations ... which would deplete the estate’s limited resources while providing no benefit to the estate or its constituents.”

Messing said in the declaration filed with the court that Exide spent more than \$75 million closing the facil-

ity and complying with state Department of Toxic Substances Control requirements since 2017 and is currently spending about \$750,000 a month to “maintain and secure” the facility.

During the two-day hearing, lawyers for Exide, California and U.S. government sparred over the condition of the site and who would keep the electricity on, pay the contractors maintaining the enclosure around the facility and keep air quality monitors on the facility’s perimeter up and running if it were abandoned.

Peter Friedman, an attorney representing the state Department of Toxic Substances Control, said that Exide was foisting responsibility for the cleanup onto California taxpayers and state regulators. He said that “fugitive dust would be free to migrate off site and families living near the Vernon site could not count on being safe, if current safeguards were removed.”

Attorneys for Exide suggested the Department of Toxic Substances Control could use the \$26.4 million the company was required to set aside to keep the tent intact and prevent pollutants from getting out. Toxic Substance Control officials said that doing so would burn through the money quickly just maintaining the enclosure, and that all told, it would cost \$72 million to make the site safe.

Exide’s attorneys argued that the company would soon cease to exist and simply no longer has the money to pay for the cleanup, and that the facility would pose no imminent health threat because the enclosure surrounding it remains intact. They also pointed fingers back at the Department of Toxic Substances Control for being slow to act on the health risks at the site and for issuing a determination that it posed an imminent threat only three days before the hearing to approve the bankruptcy plan.

Judge Sontchi asked California’s attorney “how much can the government sit back and not take action to remediate ... and then say abandonment is not appropriate because it’s an immediate, imminent, threat.”

At one point during the hearing, Sontchi questioned how exposure to a dangerous element like lead that builds up in the body over time “somehow qualifies as imminent danger when everywhere you go in your life you’re exposed to lead. We all have lead in our bodies. That’s reality.”

Young children are particularly vulnerable to lead because their brains are still developing, and they can suffer lifelong harm, including lower IQs, learning difficulties and behavioral problems, from even low levels of exposure to contaminated soil and dust, Dr. Gina Solomon, a UC San Francisco professor of medicine and researcher at the Public Health Institute, testified during Thursday’s hearing.

The Department of Justice, for its part, said abandonment was a “last resort” and sought to blame the outcome on California’s refusal to approve the settlement, which was signed by other states where Exide lead-smelting operations have left behind contamination, including Indiana, Texas and Pennsylvania.

California regulators let the facility in Vernon operate with only a temporary permit for more than three decades despite repeated violations of air pollution limits and hazardous waste rules. The plant shut down permanently in 2015 under a deal between Georgia-based Exide and the U.S. attorney’s office for the Central District of California. The company, which at the time

was undergoing a previous bankruptcy reorganization, admitted to years of environmental crimes but avoided prosecution by agreeing to close and demolish the plant and clean up the pollution.

Exide began working to close and clean the site in 2017, but stopped in March, citing the COVID-19 pandemic. The company filed for bankruptcy protection again in May with plans to liquidate its assets.

California regulators have said for years they were building a case and would go after the company and any other responsible parties to recoup funds for the cleanup. But there will no longer be an Exide to pursue.

There are some existing funding sources that could help sustain the project, including a cleanup fund established in 2016 using fees on lead-acid car batteries like the ones recycled at the Exide plant.

Mark Lopez, co-director of the group East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice, said the community pushed for that fee as a safeguard because they knew that the company was likely to use bankruptcy to avoid its cleanup obligations.

“We knew we couldn’t rely on Exide because the legal tools available advantage them and not us,” said Lopez, who lives in East Los Angeles. “It’s a gut punch, and another strike against us. And just because it was anticipated doesn’t make it hurt any less.”

Environmentalists and community groups have long said a real solution requires comprehensive overhaul of the state Department of Toxic Substances Control, which has a history of slow response to urgent health threats and poor oversight of hazardous waste facilities. Newsom last month vetoed legislation to reform the department.

Jane Williams, who directs the group California Communities Against Toxics, said there are dozens of other hazardous waste facilities in California that the Department of Toxic Substances Control has not required to set aside adequate funds for cleanup, and several other sites where lead smelters may have operated in the past.

“This is going to repeat itself over and over again,” she said. “Exide is just the point of the arrow.”

UCLA law professor Lynn LoPucki, who directs a database of big bankruptcy cases, said California lawmakers are ultimately to blame for the state having “basically no legal rights” to recoup funds for the cleanup through the bankruptcy.

That’s because California law puts environmental obligations behind a host of secured creditors, he said. That’s in contrast to a growing number of states, including New York, New Jersey and Michigan, that have adopted laws that give first priority to environmental liens for the cleanup of hazardous waste.

“If that were true here, then Exide would pay for the cleanup and the creditors would get what was left,” LoPucki said. “There would just be an understanding that if you mess it up you have to pay to clean it up.”

The state Legislature cannot fix the current predicament with Exide, he said. “But they can prevent this from happening in the next case. And they’re not doing that.”

Grand jury to review plot to abduct Michigan governor

Evidence is sufficient to move case toward trial, judge rules.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — Prosecutors provided enough evidence to move toward trial for five Michigan men accused of plotting to kidnap the state’s governor, a federal judge ruled Friday in Grand Rapids.

A two-day preliminary hearing this week featured testimony by one of the FBI agents who ran the investigation, relying on confidential informants and undercover agents to thwart the purported scheme to abduct Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Sally J. Berens said the five men’s cases can go to a grand jury, which will determine whether to issue indictments. That is required for them to face trial.

Berens also ruled following a Friday bond hearing that Ty Garbin will remain in custody along with Adam Fox, who waived his right to a hearing.

The judge on Tuesday had denied bond for the three other Michigan residents charged in the case: Kaleb Franks, Daniel Harris and Brandon Caserta. A sixth man, Barry Croft, was separately ordered Tuesday to be transferred to Michigan from his home state of Delaware.

The preliminary hearing began Tuesday and wrapped up Friday. Agent

Richard Trask testified that members of anti-government paramilitary groups from several states discussed abducting Whitmer or Virginia Democratic Gov. Ralph Northam during a June meeting in Ohio.

Fox and Croft were among those who attended that session, according to testimony and federal court documents.

But it was not clear whether talk of targeting Northam went beyond that meeting, and nothing from the complaint or Trask’s testimony indicated that anyone had been charged with a plot involving Northam.

The men could get up to life in prison if convicted.

Several of their defense attorneys implied during questioning Tuesday and

Friday that their clients were “big talkers” who did not intend to follow through with action.

They also questioned whether the government had proved that the men had formed an agreement and that all of them intended to participate.

“It’s loose talk,” said Scott Graham, an attorney for Franks. “And again, the point is: What has been done to show you that there was an actual agreement?”

Assistant U.S. Atty. Nils Kessler, though, argued that the group repeatedly took steps to protect their communication by using encrypted chat tools and worried that federal authorities had infiltrated the group.

Individual defendants also participated in surveillance of Whitmer’s northern

Michigan home, Kessler said, rejecting defense attorneys’ implication that the men participated in paramilitary group exercises without a specific goal or plan.

“You’re crossing a pretty serious line when you go in the middle of the night in multiple cars and stage up at a gas station and ... you go to the house of the sitting governor of the state to go surveil their house at night,” Kessler said.

Berens agreed, saying prosecutors didn’t have to show the men “signed on a dotted line.”

A preliminary hearing is sometimes described as a mini-trial but requires a lower standard of proof — probable cause — than a criminal trial. Berens found that the information pre-

sented in testimony and in court documents showed the men had a unified purpose — to kidnap Whitmer — allowing the case to move forward.

“The fact that [the plan] was likely to be unsuccessful or difficult to accomplish” isn’t relevant to decide whether there is probable cause that they made a plan, she said.

Seven other men purportedly linked to an extremist paramilitary group called the Wolverine Watchmen were charged in state court last week with providing material support for terrorist acts and possession of a firearm while committing a felony.

Michigan’s attorney general charged an eighth person — a Wisconsin man — in that case Thursday.

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State to get federal funds for wildfires after reversal

Trump overrules FEMA after elected officials from both parties get involved.

By JOSEPH SERNA AND PHIL WILLON

A rejection from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide aid to California for numerous recent wildfires was reversed Friday following appeals from the governor and Republican lawmakers.

“Just got off the phone with President Trump, who has approved our major disaster declaration request. Grateful for his quick response,” Gov. Gavin Newsom said in an afternoon statement.

The prior evening, FEMA rejected the state’s request for disaster relief funds for six recent California wildfires, including Los Angeles County’s Bobcat fire, San Bernardino County’s El Dorado fire, and the Creek fire, one of the largest that continues to burn in Fresno and Madera counties.

The decision was met with outcry from officials in California, which has experienced its worst fire season on record in 2020.

“I have personally toured the damaged areas and listened to heartbreaking stories from people who lost their homes and businesses to the Creek fire,” state Sen. Andreas Borgeas (R-Mo-desto) wrote in a letter to the White House on Friday, asking it to reconsider FEMA’s decision. “Many of the structures destroyed were located on federal lands and the surrounding communities supported tourists who come to enjoy the national parks.”

Borgeas’ district includes

the Sierra National Forest, where the Creek fire has burned some 340,000 acres and where National Guard troops recently helped airlift hundreds of people cut off due to the flames. Trump recognized those troop members in a recent ceremony in Sacramento.

When word of FEMA’s initial rejection first reached California, emergency officials scrambled to find money in a budget already devastated by the coronavirus. Within hours however, Rep. Tom McClintock (R-Elk Grove) tweeted that House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Bakersfield) had spoken with Trump and that a “presidential disaster declaration is imminent and help is on the way.”

The governor’s office soon confirmed that assertion.

Newsom on Friday said he spoke with Trump about reconsidering the state’s rejected application for federal wildfire assistance and the president, who was aboard Air Force One, almost immediately said he would approve it. “I couldn’t even finish the ask,” Newsom said during a remote appearance at the Milken Institute’s Global Conference. “He said, ‘You got it. I’m signing off on that major disaster declaration in California.’”

Despite the contentious relationship between California and the president, Newsom has consistently said that he’s had a good working relationship with the administration when dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic and response to the state’s wildfires.

The state’s fires have been fueled by several factors, including climate change. Trump has repeatedly criticized California for its handling of fire policy, [See Funds, B4]



DOUGLAS LIGONS

TANITA HARRIS-LIGONS, founder of Black in Glendale, says people don’t need to search history books to find racism in the city. Once a “sundown town,” Glendale excluded Black people with laws and informal policy.

Racist past of Glendale arrives at its reckoning

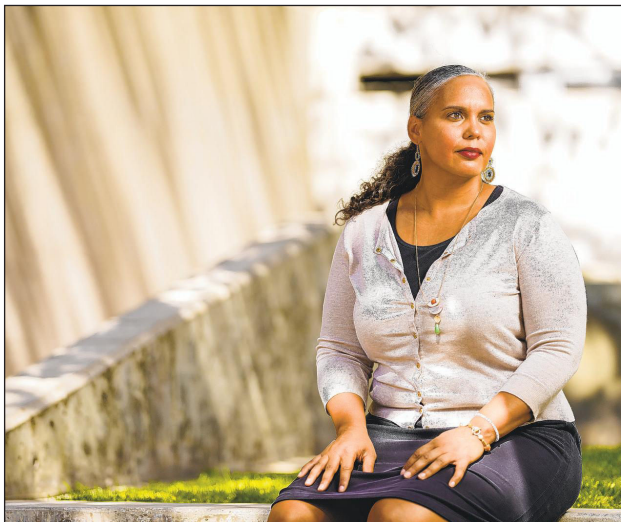
City passes resolution apologizing for its history of exclusion

By LILA SEIDMAN

When Tanita Harris-Ligons moved to Glendale in 2008, she said locals kept asking her where she was visiting from.

“If you’re Black, they didn’t believe you lived there,” she said of the city that was once a bastion for white supremacy groups and a so-called sundown town, where Black people weren’t welcome after dark.

About two years later, her son, Jalani, started middle school in the city, and the children began to separate along racial and ethnic lines, Harris-Ligons said. White children sat at one table, Latinos at another and Armenians at still another, she



KENT NISHIMURA Los Angeles Times

TARA PETERSON, a leader with the Coalition for an Anti-Racist Glendale, helped draft the city’s resolution to denounce its history as a sundowner town.

said. Jalani came to her and said, “There’s nowhere for me to sit.”

That’s when Harris-Ligons decided to found Black in Glendale, “so my children could have a better experience,” she said.

The city’s racist past has cast a long, dark shadow that Glendale is now taking steps to remedy. It is the first city in California, and just the third in the nation, to pass a resolution apologizing for its history of racial exclusion — an action shepherded by Black in Glendale and other advocacy groups.

Sundown towns kept Black people out by a combination of laws and informal policies, including racist [See Glendale, B2]

Subpoenas issued over state GOP’s illicit ballot boxes

Decrying ‘thuggish’ tactics by Democrats, Republican officials maintain that their activities are legal.

By SARAH PARVINI, JOHN MYERS AND STEPHANIE LAI

California officials on Friday said that the state Republican Party has agreed to no longer deploy “unstaffed, unsecured, unofficial and unauthorized” private ballot boxes and that subpoenas have been issued in an investigation into how the containers have been used in at least three counties.

“The California Republican Party can conduct valid collection activities, but they have to play by the rules and follow state law,” California Secretary of State

Alex Padilla told reporters.

But aside from correcting some boxes that were wrongly labeled as “official” locations for dropping off completed ballots, GOP officials continued Friday to insist that their activities have been legal. Party leaders have said they will continue to use the boxes to collect ballots, with staffers overseeing the process and delivering the ballots to county elections offices.

The battle between state officials and the GOP — sparked by revelations over the weekend that Republicans were stationing unofficial gray, metal receptacles in Los Angeles, Orange and Fresno counties — has centered on the legality of using third-party collection boxes.

California law requires the person collecting a voter’s ballot to fill out the information on the absentee envelope before handing it [See Ballot boxes, B8]



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JEFF LOEB is general manager of the Pantages Theatre, which will open for voting starting Oct. 30. The theater closed before “Hamilton’s” second L.A. run.

CITY BEAT

Cool spots to cast ballots

L.A. vote centers include ballpark, Pantages

NITA LELYVELD

I haven’t voted yet. I have to admit, I’m still undecided.



Not about how I will vote in this pivotal election but about where I will vote, and about the butterfly effect that my one tiny choice could potentially have on the outcome.

Would it be a home run if I voted looking out over the diamond from the top deck of Dodger Stadium? Would it do the trick if I put my cards on the table at the Magic Castle?

Should I vote with the safe future of this city I love foremost in my mind by performing my sacred civic duty at one of these sacred spots? Or maybe another might be more auspicious. The Hollywood Bowl? Union Station? The Palla-

dium?

I could go farther afield and stand up in defense of our stalwart service women and men by voting at the War Memorial Building in South Pasadena.

I could even opt to ferry across the blue Pacific to do the deed in the ballroom of the Catalina Casino. Would that strike a helpful note of hope, to vote where others have jitterbugged and fox-trotted many a dark night [See Lelyveld, B2]

LODWRICK COOK, 1928-2020

CEO a savior for Central Library

By DOUG SMITH

From his office on the 51st floor of the gleaming black building at Flower and 5th streets, Lodwick M. “Lod” Cook watched below as smoke enveloped the iconic pyramid crowning the Los Angeles Central Library.

For the chairman and chief executive of Arco, the April 29, 1986, arsonist’s fire that heavily damaged the quirky and beloved architectural landmark was not just a tragedy. It was a call to action that would engage Cook for years.

Arco, then a leader among the dwindling ranks of corporate giants headquartered in Los Angeles, immediately provided space in its twin towers for displaced library staff, and Cook joined then-Mayor Tom Bradley in leading Save [See Cook, B5]

Sculpture of ex-governor is taken down

A nonprofit removes statue of Pete Wilson, saying he dehumanized the Latino and gay communities in ‘90s. B2

Attorney won landmark case

Bernard S. Cohen, who successfully fought laws against interracial marriage and became a lawmaker, was 86. B5

Lottery B2

Glendale apologizes for exclusion

[Glendale, from B1] housing covenants and police intimidation, said James Loewen, a sociologist and leading scholar on the subject. Sometimes municipalities took aim at other communities of color, he added.

The practice — named after signs often posted at the city limits saying that Black people needed to leave by sundown — dates to the late 19th century and spread to the North beginning around 1915, when large numbers of Black Southerners began moving there as part of what's known as the Great Migration.

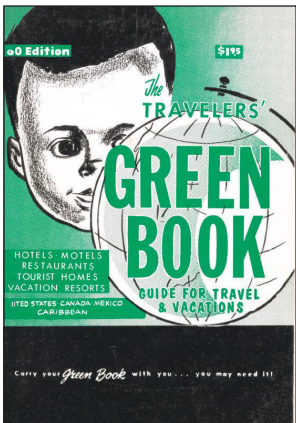
Despite its progressive reputation, California has been home to at least 100 such towns, including Glendale, Loewen said. Burbank was also a sundown town, and Pasadena had exclusionary elements, including a segregated pool, says Los Angeles photographer Candacy Taylor. More than 50 towns in the state “went sundown” by excluding Chinese Americans in the 1870s and 1880s, Loewen said.

Although the civil rights movement of the 1960s, and the Fair Housing Act of 1968 in particular, stymied the overt exclusion of Black people in most communities, many places continued to use harassment and other intimidation methods to keep the areas majority white. Some practices employed by sundown towns continue today, including in parts of California, Loewen said.

Tara Peterson, CEO of YWCA Glendale, helps lead the Coalition for an Anti-Racist Glendale, which helped draft the city's resolution. She said sundown practices existed in Glendale until the 1990s.

Growing up in Highland Park in the early 1940s, Kenneth Bonnell heard that any Black person found after dark in Glendale would be arrested, he said in a letter to The Times in 1987.

Working for a title com-



Victor H. Green & Co.

THE COVER of a 1960 Green Book. It helped Black motorists avoid the risks of sundown cities, such as Glendale.

pany in Los Angeles County after World War II, Bonnell said, he was well acquainted with housing deeds that restricted homeownership in Glendale to white people. “The people who moved to Glendale at that time to bask in its lily white image produced children whose views reflected their own and who still live in Glendale,” he wrote.

The letter was published less than two weeks after a meeting by a white supremacist group in Glendale nearly spurred a riot.

Glendale joins La Crosse, Wis., and Goshen, Ind., as the only cities in the United States to pledge to transcend their racist past, Loewen said.

Peterson says this is an important initial step.

“Diversity, equity and inclusion are important,” she said. “But before we can even get to that discussion, we need to first acknowledge the role that Glendale played, as far as harm that it caused to people of color and Black people in this community, by being a sundown town.”

The resolution, adopted unanimously last month by the City Council, arrived after an international outcry after the killing of George

Floyd, a Black Minneapolis man, at the hands of white police officers in May. Protests demanding recognition and change of racist policing and policies broke out in Los Angeles County, mirroring action across the country. More than 1,500 demonstrators marched to Glendale City Hall on June 7 in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement.

Glendale's apology “is emblematic of the desire in this present moment of national reckoning with our past racism, to look at our behavior, our past — whether we are cities or institutions of higher education — and say, ‘What was our complicity in this?’” said Laura E. Gómez, director of UCLA School of Law's Critical Race Studies Program.

“I think it's a really positive thing,” she said, “but it is definitely part of this larger trend.”

Although Glendale officials did not find any explicit sundown laws on the city's books, they said there was other evidence of the practice, including incidents of police escorting people of color outside the city limits, according to a report from Christine Powers, an analyst for the city of Glendale.

The city also has historical ties to white supremacy groups. The Ku Klux Klan was active from the 1920s until the 1960s. The American Nazi Party established its headquarters in Glendale in the 1960s, and it operated there until it was run out of town in the late 1970s.

But Harris-Ligons said you don't need to search any history books to find examples of racism in the city. She described racist interactions with apartment owners and at local schools as “residuals of being a sundown town.”

“To me, this resolution symbolizes shifting your mind-set and shifting your consciousness about inclusivity and acknowledging that there are other people

in Glendale,” she said.

A century ago, Glendale's Black population was 0.2%, according to Powers' report. Today it is still under 2%.

One way the city can start to make amends is by increasing the number of Black people it hires, Peterson said. From 2003 to 2016, there was a 12% decrease in Black employees. Among Asian and Latino employees, there has been a 5% increase. And there has been a 62% increase in employees of Armenian heritage during that time, Peterson said, saying that was probably done to address a time when Armenians were not represented in city jobs, despite Glendale having a large ethnically Armenian community.

Discriminatory practices often persist in a city, whatever the local laws say, Loewen said. Despite the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, many restaurants and motels in the northern U.S. would not serve Black customers into the 1980s and 1990s, or might make one-time exceptions to avoid punishment, he said.

That's in part because the laws are not always enforced.

“The federal government just responds to pressure and cases brought to it,” Loewen said. In places with small Black populations, “there's no way to mount a consistent pressure against sundown towns because there's no Black residents there to mount it.”

Taylor, who launched an art project around a mid-century guidebook geared toward Black road-trippers called the “Negro Motorist Green Book,” told The Times in 2016 that the West was sometimes more dangerous because of a dearth of Black people and ambiguity about tolerance.

“Westerners tend to be pretty delusional about issues of race sometimes,” she said. “We demonize the Jim

Crow South. But in some regards, people there were sometimes safer because there were clear signs. You knew where you could and couldn't be. If you traveled to the North or the West and you sat down in a restaurant, you could sit for an hour and nobody would come to you.”

Now that Glendale's resolution is on the books, Harris-Ligons said she wants to see action.

“This is about not just declaring it, but doing the work,” she said.

City Councilman Dan Brotman said the city is applying the new pledge as it seeks to hire a city manager. The Coalition for an Anti-Racist Glendale wrote to city officials saying they need to find someone who embodies anti-racist values.

“It's already become something that we have to be accountable for,” Brotman said.

Loewen said he thought the resolution, while symbolic, could portend change.

“Once you do something like Glendale did, I think it's harder to have an all-white police force and have that kind of rhetoric and so on,” Loewen said. “It's important for Glendale. And I also do think it's important as an example.”

The city has previously taken stands on controversial international issues. One of its parks features a statue honoring Korean “comfort women,” who were forced to serve in Japanese military brothels during World War II. City officials have long pushed for recognition of the Armenian genocide. Most recently, Glendale announced its support for Armenia in a reignited war with Azerbaijan over a contested border region.

Recognizing its own “dark past ... puts us in a better moral position when we point to other historic crimes,” Brotman said. “It's kind of hard to do that when you're not willing to look at yourself.”

Oh, the places you'll go to cast those ballots

[Lelyveld, from B1]

away?

Those of us who live in Los Angeles County can now vote at any of the county's vote centers. At last check, there were 765 of them. Some will be open starting Oct. 24, most starting Oct. 30. And among them — beyond the usual schools and recreation and community centers — are many of our region's most beloved gathering sites, where no gathering lately has been possible.

Had we had no pandemic, Hollywood's Pantages Theatre would have been packed now, in the thick of a long run of “Hamilton.” But the theater had to close eight hours before the first performance of the show's second stay in our city, said its general manager, Jeff Loeb. Eager to do some civic good, the Pantages has been using its lobby for monthly blood drives. Loeb offered it up as a vote center after someone on a national theater task force he is on said it would be great if as many theaters as possible nationwide became polling places.

The Pantages perfectly fit the bill when the county was scrambling for spaces big enough to be safe in the middle of a health crisis for



BRIAN VAN DER BRUG Los Angeles Times

THE MOUNTAIN Mermaid's Bill Buerge looks at a monarch butterfly in his butterfly house in Topanga Canyon. Buerge may offer tours for voters.

in-person voting.

“I like to say that since we can't celebrate the founding of our democracy on stage, we are lucky to be able to actually support democracy through voting in our lobby,” Loeb told me.

“And we'd like to think that our grand lobby will provide one of the most gorgeous backdrops in all of L.A. County for people to exercise their civic duty.”

The Pantages is a five-minute walk from my house. And with its chandeliers and its 65-foot-high ceilings, it certainly offers an extraordinary upgrade from the drab retirement-home rec room where I used to have to go on election day,

back when in-person voting happened on one day and at one assigned site per voter. I'm hardly alone in being obsessive lately about making sure my vote counts — given the daily threats being made to the sanctity of the process and a collective dread of what would happen if the outcome of our presidential election is murky or unaccepted by one side or leads some to rage and violence.

We're much luckier in our voting options than many a state. Since all 21 million of us Californians got ballots in the mail, I don't really have to go to any vote center at all.

Still, I'm nervous, given all the recent mucking about with the U.S. Postal

Service, about putting my ballot, even early, in a mailbox. At first, I thought I'd instead slip it in the slot of a drop box — not any old box someone puts outside somewhere with a sign taped on the front but one of the 400 bolted-down official ones that can be found, among other places, outside all of our libraries, in many of our parks and at some transit stations (including the Gold Line station at Mariachi Plaza, perhaps a good place to cast a vote in favor of humane immigration policies).

The drop boxes are emptied regularly by election workers. And we can all track our ballots, whether mailed or dropped off, by signing up online through the secretary of state's office.

A lot of people are taking selfies at the drop boxes. I would have been one of them too by now — before I learned about other choices.

Before I learned, for instance, that I could drive out to Topanga and vote at a place called the Mountain Mermaid, whose rich history, recounted to me by its owner Bill Buerge, could cover a lot of different voting moods. Buerge told me that the 1930 building started life as a country club but later became one of gangster Mickey Cohen's gambling dens (prostitutes upstairs, slot machines and gaming tables in the basement) and

then a gay bar called the Canyon Club, run by an ex-vice cop. Men could slow dance at that bar at a time when doing so could lead to arrests — but Black people apparently were not welcome, Buerge said.

The building was practically falling in on itself when he bought it 30 years ago, with horse manure on the floor and almost no plaster on the walls, he told me. “People were afraid to be in there. The slightest tremor would have taken it down.”

Buerge turned it into a friendly, all-welcoming place, popular for filming and weddings and overnight stays, with a lush garden full of native plants and fountains that is a waystation for monarch butterflies and a wildlife habitat certified by the National Wildlife Federation. Those who come there, he said, will vote in the Mermaid's great room, with hardwood floors, a big fireplace, a grand staircase and arched windows looking out on greenery and mountains.

As they do, they might think of the building's history and the need to fight for justice for all. Or they might just think of rolling the dice and placing a bet where lots of bets have been placed. Or they might focus on protecting the environment. He'll even open his butterfly house, he said, for post-voting enjoyment.

Buerge told me he's going to need to move a fair amount of furniture to get the place ready for voters — a lot of chairs and antiques, a Monterey table and another table converted from a 1920s hydraulic hospital gurney. But “I'm very happy to make the contribution,” he said.

When I asked him what this election meant to him, he said, “Everything. It's huge. I think the future of American democracy is at stake.”

I worry about that myself these days — which led me to another possibly promising place to vote: the Magic Castle, much closer to my home.

Joe Fowler, general manager of the Academy of Magical Arts, the association to which all the club's members belong, tried to tamp down my expecta-

tions. “There's not going to be any magic, you know,” he said. “It's just a polling place.” And voters who come won't be able to enter through the “Open Sesame” door or walk past the Palace of Mystery or the Parlor of Prestidigitation.

Still, in the castle's Inner Circle, which they'll enter through a side door, they'll see display-case homages to famed magicians: Mark Wilson and his assistant, wife Nani Darnell, who introduced a national television audience to magic with “The Magic Land of Al-lakazam,” and Cardini, “probably the world's best card manipulator of his time.”

Fowler told me that the club, which in the pandemic went from 198 employees to nine, and now is hosting virtual magic shows and offering its beef Wellington and prime rib to go, wanted to do right by Hollywood and the city and so gladly agreed to be a vote center. Like the blood drives it has also been hosting, it wasn't about anything more than doing the right thing. Still, he'll be thrilled, he said, if people come out to vote in order to see inside the castle. “I think all the voters are going to create the real magic this year.”

Loeb from the Pantages expressed much the same sentiment — and said he thought using landmark locations in the city would help.

“There's an energy, I think, in any of these older spaces — be it the Magic Castle, be it the Palladium, be it Dodger Stadium, be it the Hollywood Bowl — where thousands of people have gathered to witness great sporting events, great concerts, great theater, and the energy that accompanies those moments still lingers in all of those spaces,” he told me.

Right now that's fitting, he said. “This is the national stage. You're no longer voting in your neighbor's garage.”

Oh and one more thing he told me, which may make me head to the theater. Those who do will get a special “I voted” sticker, paying homage to the show that can't be shown there right now.

Statue of ex-Gov. Wilson removed in S.D.

By ANDREA LOPEZ-VILLAFANA

SAN DIEGO — The statue of former Gov. Pete Wilson near Horton Plaza Park in downtown has been removed.

The 13-year-old statue, which had been at Broadway Circle, was removed by Horton Walk, the nonprofit that owns the statue. Steve Williams, its president, wrote in an email Thursday that no decision has been made about whether the statue will be returned.

“All property ... whether statues or real property ... must be protected,” he wrote. “With this in mind, we have decided to secure and protect the statue in a place of safe keeping.”

Recently, local racial justice and LGBTQ rights groups have called for the statue's removal, saying Wilson “used his influence and power to demonize and dehumanize” Latino and gay communities for political gain. On Monday, some representatives of Latino and LGBTQ rights groups held a news conference in front of the life-size bronze sculpture, saying Wilson supported laws and policies that hurt immigrants and LGBTQ community members.

Enrique Morones, who founded Gente Unida, spearheaded the removal effort. He said Thursday he is glad the statue was taken down because it was not something the community wanted in the first place.

“There was so much community support,” Morones said about his efforts to remove the statue.

“No one has unified the Latino community more than Pete Wilson,” Morones said in an email. “His racist support of Proposition 187 back in 1994 unified Latino community and supporters of human rights, AGAINST him.”

Wilson could not be reached immediately for comment. Sean Walsh, Wilson's law partner and former chief of staff, said the statue was a recognition of the governor's 50 years of public service to San Diegans, Californians and the country.

“It's regrettable that intimidation tactics similar to those used in Seattle, Portland, Oakland and other cities across the country are causing individuals and businesses to protect themselves,” he said.

“Our country, our society cannot be ruled by the threat of intimidation and violence.”

The property where the statue was is owned and maintained by a private company; the city was not involved in removing the statue, a city spokesman said.

“The mayor was disappointed to hear of the removal of the Pete Wilson statue and believes it should still be there today,” city spokesman Gustavo Portela said.

The move comes amid nationwide demands for the removal of statues and symbols of Confederate generals and people who owned enslaved people.

In 2017, a plaque honoring Jefferson Davis, the president of the Confederacy, was removed from Horton Plaza Park. The plaque was reduced in size and stature after the downtown park was redeveloped in 2016.

Wilson was mayor of San Diego from 1971-83. He represented California in the U.S. Senate from 1983-91 and served as governor from 1991-99.

Walsh has said Wilson had a strong track record on racial issues and issues affecting the gay community, including helping pass legislation and policies that boosted healthcare for children, reduced class sizes in public schools and increased funding for low-income areas.

Voters in 1994 approved Proposition 187, which required deportation for any person in the U.S. illegally, but it was later ruled unconstitutional.

Lopez-Villafana writes for the San Diego Union-Tribune.

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LOVE OF COUNTRY

Sahak Charukian waves the American and Armenian flags at a protest against Turkey’s involvement in the conflict over Nagorno-Karabakh outside the Armenian Consulate on Friday in Beverly Hills.

District puts virus data online

Laguna Beach schools boost transparency by offering a COVID ‘dashboard.’

By Andrew Turner

The Laguna Beach Unified School District rolled out an online COVID-19 “dashboard” this week, a measure intended to provide transparency on the number of confirmed cases among staff and students at its schools.

El Morro Elementary and Top of the World Elementary, the district’s two elementary schools, welcomed students back on campus as the district commenced with its hybrid learning model on Oct. 5.

The district also has two secondary schools — Thurston Middle School and Laguna Beach High School — both of which continue to conduct distance learning.



ROGER WILSON

A STUDENT arrives for in-person learning at Top of the World Elementary School as part of the Laguna Beach Unified School District’s hybrid model.

The online dashboard shows the total number of students and staff at each school, the confirmed positive cases among students and staff over the previous two weeks, the percentage of a school’s population that its cases make up during the same two-week period and the cumulative total cases at each school since Aug. 24.

Within the past two weeks, the school populations of Top of the World Elementary and Laguna Beach High have each had one confirmed positive test. Voluntary testing for COVID-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus, has been offered by the district.

District officials indicated that in the event of a confirmed positive test, the district will work with the Orange County Health Care Agency to conduct contact tracing for those who have been in close contact, within six feet of the infected indi-

vidual for 15 minutes or more. Those considered to be close contacts of a confirmed positive case will be given directions for self-isolation.

If a student has tested positive for COVID-19 or is showing symptoms, the district is asking parents to keep their child at home and contact their school’s nurse. Best practices of handwashing, physical distancing and wearing a face covering are also encouraged.

The Orange County Health Care Agency reported 31 coronavirus deaths and 153 new infections in its latest numbers released on Thursday.

Among the reported deaths were those of 17 skilled nursing facility residents and two assisted living facility residents. The county’s death toll due to the virus rose to 1,391. The cumulative cases seen in the county is 56,436.

Currently, there are 164 hospitalized because of the virus, and 66 of those patients are being treated in intensive care units.

An additional 6,623 tests for COVID-19 were reported within the last day, bringing the total number of tests administered to 970,212. About 50,450 people in the county have recovered from the virus, the healthcare agency estimated.

The county resides in the second, red tier, possessing seven-day averages of 4.6 daily new cases per 100,000 residents and a testing positivity rate of 3.5%. Those numbers come with a seven-day lag.

Below are the coronavirus case counts and deaths for select cities in Orange County:

- Santa Ana: 10,843 cases; 301 deaths.
- Anaheim: 9,640 cases; 301 deaths.
- Huntington Beach: 2,493 cases; 81 deaths.
- Costa Mesa: 1,917 cases; 41 deaths.
- Irvine: 1,774 cases; 13 deaths.
- Newport Beach: 1,182 cases; 26 deaths.
- Fountain Valley: 533 cases; 19 deaths.
- Laguna Beach: 236 cases; fewer than five deaths.

Updated figures are posted daily at oc-covid19.ochealthinfo.com/coronavirus-in-oc. For information on getting tested, visit oc-covid19.ochealthinfo.com/covid-19-testing.

Turner writes for Times Community News.

Rapper held in stealing of jobless aid

Nuke Bizzle bragged in a music video that he could get rich on unemployment fraud.

By Richard Winton

Nuke Bizzle’s rap career may be about to fizzle after the hip-hop artist who bragged on a track about getting rich by committing unemployment fraud was arrested Friday on federal charges that he ripped off more than \$1.2 million in pandemic unemployment assistance.

The rapper boasts in a YouTube music video about a scheme to steal unemployment benefits and displays what appears to be dozens of benefits letters and bank cards that he raps paid for his swag.

But that fictional tale was true to life, prosecutors for the U.S. attorney’s office in Los Angeles allege. Bizzle, whose real name is Fontrell Antonio Baines, 31, is accused of using a series of stolen identities to fund his lifestyle in the Hollywood Hills, court documents said.

A representative for Baines could not be reached for comment.

Baines allegedly exploited the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance provision of the CARES Act, which is designed to expand access to unemployment benefits to self-employed workers, independent contractors, and others who would not otherwise be eligible, according to the affidavit filed with the criminal charges.

Baines is charged with three felonies — access device fraud, aggravated identity theft, and interstate transportation of stolen property. If convicted on all charges, he could face a statutory maximum sentence of 22 years in federal prison.

In the music video “EDD,” a reference to California Employment Development Department, he raps about doing “my swag-ger for EDD” and holds up a

stack of envelopes presumably from the agency, intoning he is getting rich by “go-[ing] to the bank with a stack of these.”

Investigators allege that is a reference to the debit cards that are mailed recipients of unemployment insurance. A second rapper in the video intones, “You gotta sell cocaine, I just file a claim.”

Baines, originally from Memphis, was taken into custody by Las Vegas police last month when he was a passenger in a speeding Cadillac Escalade. According to the affidavit, he consented to a search.

He was arrested by Las Vegas Metro Police in connection with possession of eight EDD debit cards in seven different names without the owners’ consent, the affidavit said.

The Vegas police also found \$49,734 under the third row of seats where Baines was seated, the affidavit said. Baines pleaded not guilty to charges related to the arrest and was released on bond.

In Friday’s announcement of federal charges, prosecutors said at least 92 debit cards were “preloaded with \$1.2 million in fraudulently obtained benefits” mailed to addresses associated with the rapper.

On the video for “EDD,” Baines included a disclaimer: “This video was created with props and was made for entertainment purposes”

The debit cards were issued in the names of third parties, including identity theft victims, the affidavit states. Prosecutors allege the applications for the debit cards listed addresses to which Baines had access in Beverly Hills and Koreatown. Prosecutors allege that Baines and several associates accessed more than \$704,000 of those benefits through cash withdrawals. Some of the money was retrieved in Las Vegas, they said.

The rapper is due in a downtown Los Angeles federal courtroom for arraignment Friday.

Fire breaks out on Bay Area hill

By Colleen Shalby

A brush fire that erupted Friday afternoon on Sign Hill in South San Francisco, prompting evacuation orders for the surrounding area, was contained about two hours later, but officials warned it was too early for residents to return to their homes.

The South San Francisco Fire Department in San Mateo County called it a “four-alarm fire,” and video of the blaze posted shortly before 1 p.m. showed massive plumes of smoke and orange flames, with tightly packed houses not far away.

Within a half-hour, evacuations were ordered at Carnelian Road, Sonja Road, Mountain Road, Ridgeview Court and Viewmont Terrace — the area just outside Sign Hill Park where the fire appears to have started.

The fire could be seen

burning near the “South San Francisco the Industrial City” sign that adorns the hillside. The blaze was also visible from San Francisco International Airport.

Firefighting planes swooped low to drop pink retardant on the brush fire, and officials warned that drones were interfering with some of the aerial efforts.

“Safety is our No.1 priority. Please help us keep everyone safe by keeping your drones away from this incident,” Fire Chief Jess Magalanes said in a message shared on Twitter.

The blaze broke out amid a red flag warning for a wide swath of Northern California, including the Bay Area. Dry, gusty winds and excessive heat were combining for critical fire conditions, the National Weather Service said. The warning was extended through Saturday morning and included the North Bay Mountains and East Bay Hills.



NOAH BERGER Associated Press

A BRUSH FIRE sends smoke over South San Francisco on Friday afternoon, as seen from Alameda.

Remains are from missing woman

By Luke Money

Remains that were found in a Kern County lake this summer, as well as body parts discovered there more than two years ago, have both been identified as belonging to an Orange County woman who was reported missing in 2017, authorities said this week.

The Kern County Sheriff’s Office said Thursday that DNA testing had confirmed the identity of 64-year-old Shirley Mae Cassel.

Her remains were pulled from a vehicle submerged in Buena Vista Lake, about 30 miles southwest of Bakersfield, on July 12, sheriff’s officials said — almost two years after her lower leg and foot were found July 28, 2018.

Lt. Joel Swanson said Friday that Kern County authorities “don’t suspect foul play” and believe Cassel’s death may have been an accident.

Cassel was reported missing by her landlord Sept. 11, 2017, the Santa Ana Police Department said. She was last seen at her residence on Aug. 21 of that year.

Swanson said Kern County officials have closed their part of the investigation.

Santa Ana Police Cpl. Anthony Bertagna said the positive identification closes his department’s missing-person case as well.

Man charged in stabbings of transgender women

Suspect faces counts of attempted murder and hate crimes for attacks in L.A. park.

By James Queally

A 25-year-old who law enforcement officials say has gang ties was charged with multiple counts of attempted murder Friday in connection with the stabbings in recent months in MacArthur Park of two transgender women, authorities said.

Donoban Fonseca was charged with three counts of attempted murder in connection with attacks spanning from late August to early October, the latter of which sparked widespread outrage among the LGBTQ community.

Fonseca will also face hate crime and gang enhancements, according to a news release issued by the Los Angeles County district attorney’s office.

Fonseca is a member of MS-13, according to a law enforcement official with knowledge of the case, who spoke about the ongoing investigation on the condition of anonymity.

On Oct. 4 at around 9:30 p.m., a 42-year-old woman was seated on a park bench when she was surrounded by four of five men who said “something to the effect of, ‘We don’t want gays in the park,’” according to LAPD officials.

The victim, identified by local activists as Daniela Hernandez, suffered a stab wound to the throat, police said.

Although gender identity and sexual orientation are not the same, LGBTQ rights activists say people who show hatred for one or the other often conflate the two.

Fonseca was also charged with participating in the Aug. 21 stabbing of a transgender woman in the park, prosecutors said. Authorities said he also took part in an attack on the same victim on Sept. 1.

Fonseca was scheduled to appear in a downtown courtroom Friday afternoon. It was not immediately clear whether he had an attorney.

Police arrested Fonseca late Wednesday night, and he was held in lieu of bail of \$1 million, jail records show.

Fonseca had also been arrested in early July for carrying a “dirk or dagger,” records show, but he was re-

leased after prosecutors had to decline a case against him because of an “inadmissible search,” said Greg Risling, a spokesman for the Los Angeles County district attorney’s office.

Los Angeles police officials declined to respond to questions about Fonseca’s prior arrest. It was not clear whether other suspects were being sought in any of the attacks.

Hernandez, who is expected to survive the stabbing, immigrated to the U.S. from El Salvador three years ago, said Bamby Salcedo, president and chief executive of the advocacy group TransLatina Coalition.

Hernandez had been working as a housekeeper and volunteered with the advocacy group in recent months to serve hot meals out of its offices on Wilshire Boulevard, friends said.

“She came to this country running away from the violence she was experiencing in El Salvador, only to come to the United States to almost get killed,” Salcedo said.

The attack came just weeks after the violent robbery of three transgender women in Hollywood, in what police also called a hate-driven assault.

LODWRICK COOK, 1928-2020

Arco chief rescued library

[Cook, from B1] the Books, a campaign to raise money for the library's restoration.

He set up a store in Arco Plaza to benefit the library, dispatched Arco employees to the massive effort to restore hundreds of thousands of damaged books and periodicals and leaned on friends and other executives to contribute. Over two years, the effort raised more than \$10 million.

Such was Cook's commitment to the library project that in one of the zaniest of charity telethons in L.A. history, he donned cowboy boots and a hat and danced to "Just a Gigolo." For the next half-hour, calls poured in from around the country, bringing in \$100,000.

He later told The Times' Nita Lelyveld that a friend called in offering \$1,000 if he would stop dancing.

Cook, whose 1995 retirement as Arco's CEO presaged the end of an L.A. era of corporate philanthropy and civic engagement, died Sept. 28 in Sherman Oaks. He was 92.

The death of the Louisiana native and Louisiana State University graduate was confirmed by the New Orleans Times-Picayune.

Cook spent 39 years at Arco, starting in 1956 as a management trainee. As CEO, he carried on the tradition of civic leadership established by his predecessor Robert O. Anderson. In a 1999 essay, UCLA political scientist Xandra Kayden wrote that Arco, more than a leading oil company on the West Coast, was a leading citizen. "It consciously defined 'corporate citizenship' for many U.S. companies, and many U.S. communities, as well."

Zev Yaroslavsky, who was a councilman and county supervisor during Cook's years



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CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Lodwrick Cook, center, is joined at a 1988 gala by Sarah, Duchess of York, and her husband, Prince Andrew, right, and Armand Hammer of Occidental Petroleum.

in L.A., remembered him as a folksy man from the Deep South with an uncommon devotion to civic betterment. "He was a throwback to the old way where you had a couple of dozen companies and corporations whose leaders, when the mayor or governor had to get some heft behind a civic project, that's who they would turn to," Yaroslavsky said. "Lod was one of them."

Among its works were the Dome Village for the Homeless, the building named for Anderson at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, and Arco Plaza at the Museum of Contemporary Art.

More important, the company's diligence in evaluating applications made an Arco's grant a "good philanthropist's stamp of approv-

al" that gave credibility to new groups and initiatives, Kayden said.

It was a time, Cook said in a 2005 interview, when a small group of corporate leaders met occasionally to discuss the city's needs.

"I wish Arco was still here," he told Lelyveld. "Now we've lost a lot of our corporate headquarters, and that's a sad thing, because you don't have that push."

When the expanded library opened in 1993, the rotunda was named for Cook, who also helped create and was the first chairman of the Library Foundation of Los Angeles, which now raises private donations.

He was also a chairman of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and a board member and trustee

of the George Bush Presidential Library Foundation.

After the 1992 riots, he served as a chairman of Rebuild L.A.

Cook graduated from high school in Grand Cane, La., in a class of just five students. He earned bachelor's degrees from Louisiana State University in mathematics and engineering. He had a business degree from Southern Methodist University. After retiring from Arco, Cook became co-chair of Global Crossing, which built a global fiber-optic telecommunications network, and most recently was chairman of NeuroSigma Inc., a medical device maker.

Cook's wife of 35 years, Carole, died in 2010. He is survived by five children and 10 grandchildren.

BERNARD S. COHEN

Attorney won case that ended bans on interracial marriage

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bernard S. Cohen, who won a landmark case that led to the U.S. Supreme Court's rejection of laws forbidding interracial marriage and later went on to a successful political career as a state legislator, has died. He was 86.

Cohen and legal colleague Phil Hirschkop represented Richard and Mildred Loving, a white man and Black woman who were convicted in Virginia in 1959 of illegally cohabiting as man and wife and ordered to leave the state for 25 years.

Cohen and Hirschkop represented the Lovings as they sought to have their conviction overturned. It resulted in the Supreme Court's unanimous 1967 Loving vs. Virginia ruling, which declared anti-miscegenation laws unconstitutional.

Cohen died Monday of complications from Parkinson's disease at his home in Fredericksburg, Va., his son, Bennett Cohen, said.

Bernard Cohen had a great sense of humor and liked to ride motorcycles and fly planes, his son said.

"He was a bit of a risk taker, and I guess that's in line with the risks he took in his younger professional life," Bennett Cohen said.

Bernard Cohen and Hirschkop were ACLU volunteer attorneys only a few years out of law school when they took on the case. Mildred Loving was referred to the ACLU by Atty. Gen. Robert Kennedy, to whom she had written seeking assistance.

"We would pinch ourselves and say, 'Do we realize

what we're doing?' We're handling one of the most important constitutional law cases ever to come before the court," Cohen said in an HBO documentary.

After the landmark case, Cohen continued a legal career and veered into politics. He was elected to the House of Delegates in Virginia in 1979, representing the Alexandria area and serving eight terms.

During a 16-year career in the state House of Delegates, Cohen ran as "an unabashed liberal" and revealed in introducing controversial legislation. In 1983, he sponsored a resolution in favor of a nuclear freeze that won passage in the House but stalled in the Senate after a Reagan administration official testified against it.

He successfully advocated legislation banning smoking in public places in an era when the tobacco industry was a political powerhouse in Richmond.

Brian Moran, who succeeded Cohen in the legislature and is now Virginia's secretary of public safety and homeland security, said Cohen retired in 1995 because he had grown weary of campaigning — arthritis made shaking hands painful, and he'd come to loathe door-knocking after getting attacked by a dog.

The Loving case had a resurgence in public interest in the last decade. People saw parallels between the case and the debate over same-sex marriages.

Bennett Cohen noted that on Monday, vice presidential nominee Kamala Harris talked about the Loving case during the Supreme Court confirmation hearings for Amy Coney Barrett.

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DONAHOE, Myrna Donahoe

June 5, 1940 - October 2, 2020
Dr. Myrna Cherkoss Donahoe (Mickey) - Born June 5, 1940
Dr. Donahoe was Professor Emeritus at California State University, Dominguez Hills where she taught a variety of Social Study courses for over 25 years. She was a champion of the People (women's rights, worker's rights, minority rights, etc.) teaching these values to students and others. Myrna was a beautiful human being, friend, mentor, teacher, scholar and organizer who made a tremendous impact on the lives of all who had the good fortune to know her. Her compassion and caring was boundless and her pursuit for justice for others was fierce.

After retirement Mickey stayed active in her Carroll Park, Long Beach neighborhood. She was President of the Friends of Bibby Dog Park, a volunteer in the 2nd District Counsel office and active in the Carroll Park Neighborhood Association.

She is survived by her husband Thomas, her children Shannon, Rebecca, Arne and Ryan, by her grandchildren Andrew, Justin, Rocco, and great grandchild, Rory. She will be sorely missed.

* Celebration of life to be held 6/5/21 in Long Beach, Ca

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EVENSON, John E.

March 22, 1941 - October 6, 2020
JOHN E. EVENSON of Bermuda Dunes, California, died in the early morning hours of October 6, 2020 at JFK Hospital at the age of 79, in the embrace of his forever love and wife of 50 years, Barbara. John was born on March 22, 1941. He married Barbara L. McKell in Monterey, California on May 15, 1970.

After attending the University of Wyoming on a football scholarship, John graduated from San Jose State University, where he was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity. John was a sharp businessman and built a career as a mortgage banker, which included business partnerships with Earl Kellnerup and, later, with John Delfino. John gave back to his community and was involved in a great deal of charity work, including a long tenure serving on the board of the Bob Hope Classic Charities.

Aside from the true love of his life, Barbara, two of John's passions were golf and travel. He played in golf tournaments nationally and internationally, including his most memorable tournament in Morocco. John and Barbara's travels were always an adventure, as John sought out places off the beaten path to visit and explore, and they always ended their day enjoying the sunset together.

Most endearing, John was a perennial joker. No one favored by John could escape his mischievous sense of humor.

John is survived by his wife, Barbara; his sister, Debra Ann Gundlach; and extended family including aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

Due to the current times, the service will be private, with a celebration of life befitting of John's wishes and gregarious personality to follow in better times.

For those inclined to make a gift in remembrance, in lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations to one of John's favorite charities: Eisenhower Medical Center, CHP 11-99 Foundation (California Highway Patrol), Alzheimer's Coachella Valley, Scripps Hospital, Alzheimer's Association - Coachella Valley.

HAAS, Anne

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KOZAI, Tomiyo

KOZAI, TOMIYO (96) passed away on July 30, 2020. She is survived by her husband, Toshiaki Kozai; children, Dr. Gerald (Kathy), and Kevin (Kathleen) Kozai, Karen (Tadashi) Okumoto, and Julia (Dr. Richard) Yoshida; grandchildren, Dr. Michael (Yillian Pei) and Kyle Okumoto, Kendall, Kassidy, and Gina Kozai, Amanda and Ryan Yoshida; sister Yoneko Shimoide; also survived by many other relatives.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, funeral services could not be scheduled.
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KWON, Carrie Yoon

September 25, 1922 - October 5, 2020

Carrie passed away peacefully in her sleep on October 5, 2020 in Pasadena, CA, at the age of 98. She led an active life and enjoyed exercise and travel. She also loved music, singing and dancing. Carrie liked to read and study the Bible, to cook, and cherished family gatherings. Her Vibrant and spirited presence will be missed by her family and all who knew her. A memorial service will be held at a future date, to be announced.

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LIEBER, Carolyn

March 31, 1934 - October 13, 2020

Carolyn Lieber, beloved wife, mother and grandmother passed away on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, at the age of 86. She was predeceased by her late parents, Tina and Morris Goomnitz, sister and brother in law, Edith and Dr. Louis Harris, as well as brother and sister in law, Peggy and Bernard Gordon. She is survived by her loving husband, Arthur Lieber, daughter, Sally L. Gold, son, Jeremy Lieber, and grandchildren, Evan & Eric Gold, and Rebecca & Joseph Lieber. Born in New York City, New York, Carolyn attended the High School of Music & Art, then the University of Vermont, and graduated from Mills College of Education in New York with a degree in Education. She looked forward to every summer where she would spend the season at Silver Birch Camp which her parents owned. She taught at PS40 in New York City and Hartsdale Elementary School in Hartsdale, New York. She and Arthur married in 1956, moving to Prairie Village, KS in 1958. There she was active in the League of Women Voters, Council of Jewish Women, and B'nai B'rith Women. In 1965 they moved to Woodland Hills, CA, where Carolyn was president of the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) at Collins Street Elementary School, and a member of Skirball Cultural Center's first decent class where she volunteered for 25 years. One of her most memorable volunteer experiences was when Los Angeles hosted the 1984 Olympic Games. She loved playing tennis and walking the Calabasas Park Lake. Her clever wit, warm and generous nature will be missed. The family would like to extend their gratitude to her caregivers, Carmen Davies and Sally Guevara.

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NEWBY, Frances A

August 18, 1932 - October 13, 2020

Frances Ann Newby passed away Monday, October 12, 2020. Until her final days, Frances ("Fran" to friends and "Fanny" to her family) was a bright, loving, and strong-willed matriarch of the Newby family, a caring wife and mother and a proud grand and great-grandmother who found joy in the company of friends and family.

Fran was born August 18, 1932 in Dallas, Texas, to Winifred (née Nichols) and Frank Lietemeyer. She often recalled with fondness the summers she spent with her sister, Esther, at her aunt's house in their father's hometown of New Iberia, Louisiana, eating fried catfish and digging for Civil War treasures in the sugarcane fields beyond the house. After graduating from Highland Park High School in 1950, Fran attended Southern Methodist University, where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. It was during this time that she met and fell in love with John ("Jack") Newby, Jr., who had been sent to Texas when his California Air National Guard unit was activated during the Korean War. Fran and Jack were married July 31, 1953 in Dallas before moving to San Bernardino. They have two sons, William ("Bill") and Jon.

Fran and the family eventually settled in Brentwood, where she spent many mornings driving her sons to swim and water polo practices at Palisades High School. She later became House Mother at the UCLA chapter of her old sorority, a role that made use of her excellent social and organizational skills, with the added benefit of allowing her to keep a distant eye on her college-aged sons! Fran enjoyed her many trips to Hawaii, from work trips with Jack and his parents to later family getaways with her husband, sons, and their respective families. She also loved spending time at the family cabin in Big Bear. Fran was an avid bridge player and a voracious reader. She was a lively, witty, and intelligent woman, with a sharp and often unexpected sense of humor, who—despite her many years out West—never lost her Southern charm.

Fran is survived by her husband, Jack; her sons, Bill (Kristi) and Jon (Marcie); her grandchildren, Lindsay (Ryan), Caitlin, Matthew, Samantha, and Lauren; great-granddaughters Harper and Kennedy; and many dear friends and extended family.

No services will be held. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial gift to support Dr. Steven Schwartz's macular degeneration work in memory of Fran. Donations may be directed to The UCLA Foundation, ATTN: Lauren Bayans; PO Box 7145, Pasadena, CA 91109-9903; (310) 560-4287. Please make checks payable to The UCLA Regents, and include "Dr. Steven Schwartz Fund #40851" in the memo line.

POWERS (SINCLAIR), Mary

Oct. 28, 1922 - Oct. 10, 2020.
Grad Westlake School, UCLA.
Peace Corps Volunteer 1986.
Survived by 9 children: Libby, Deke, Ann, Scott, Betts, Neil, Sandy, Dan and Smith, 27 grandchildren, 13 greats.
Donations to: Navajo Nation Covid-19 Fund.



SOLOMON, Stephen Warren

Stephen Warren Solomon, Emmy award winning co-creator and co-host of the popular food show Cheap Eats, and co-founder and managing partner of the law firm Solomon, Saltzman and Jamieson, died at the age of 81 on Thursday, October 8, 2020 surrounded by family. He will be remembered with love, laughter and gratitude.

Born in Westchester, California, Stephen received his BA and JD from UCLA. He became one of California's foremost administrative law attorneys and an expert in tribal gaming law. He represented Major League Baseball players, produced two gold records and represented a witness in the OJ Simpson trial. Stephen also served as a Judge Pro Tem for the Los Angeles Superior Courts.

Stephen connected with everyone he met, finding common ground through compassion, funny stories and wise counsel.

For thirty-five years, Stephen and the love of his life, Ellen, were each other's everything. Known as the "Skipper" to his boys and grandchildren, there was nothing more important or pressing than being present for his family, nothing he enjoyed more than fishing with his boys. He will be remembered as a devoted father, a champion to his clients and a generous friend to all who knew him.

Stephen Warren Solomon is survived by his wife Ellen, his sons Tony (Lisa), Robert (Jennifer) and Logan, by his "adopted" son Stephen Jamieson (Erica) and his three grandchildren, Nick, Quincy and Jesse along with his brother Jeffrey (Fran). He will be greatly missed.

Donations in Stephen's honor can be made to Cedars-Sinai Medical Center for Advanced Heart Disease c/o Antoine Hage, MD. at <http://giving.cedars-sinai.edu>.

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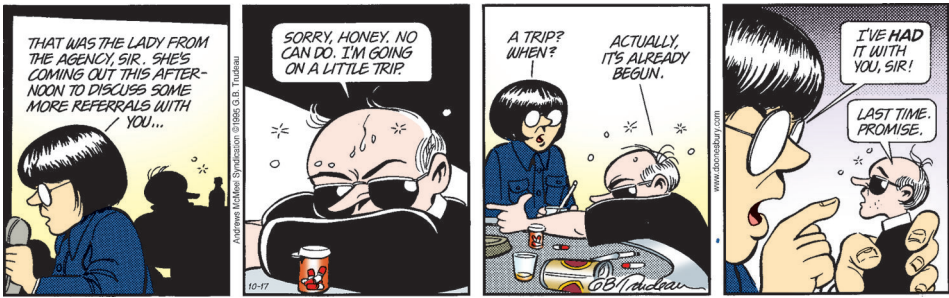
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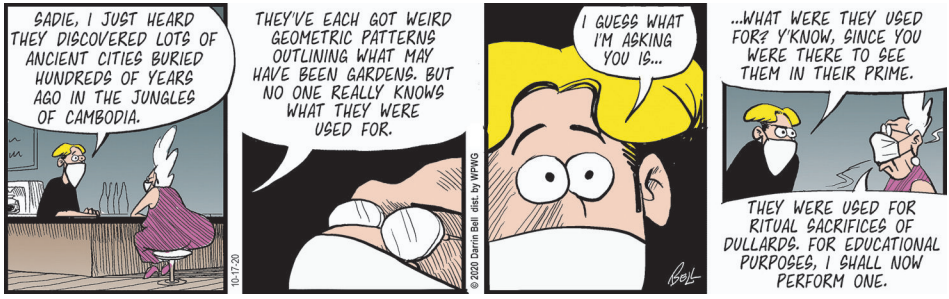
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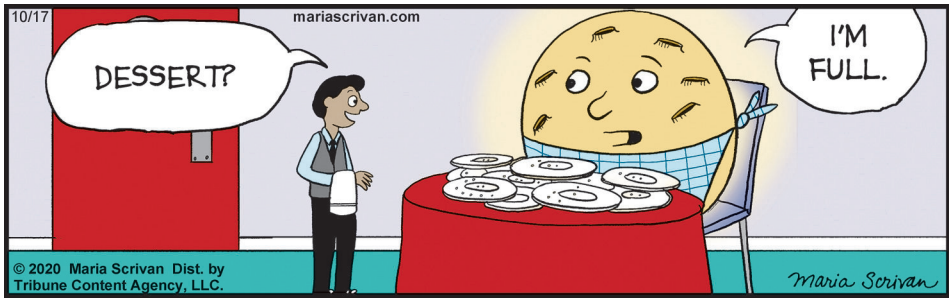
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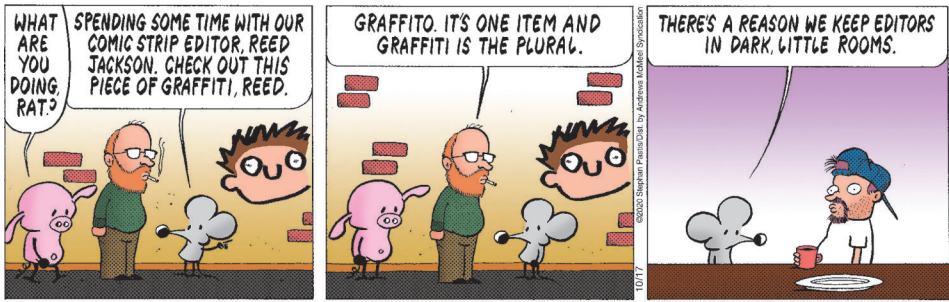
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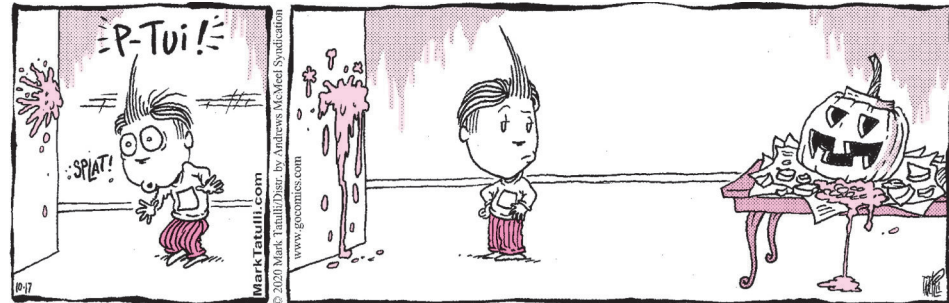
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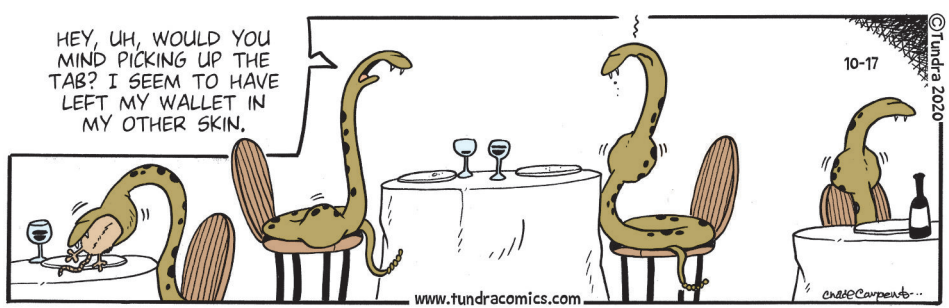
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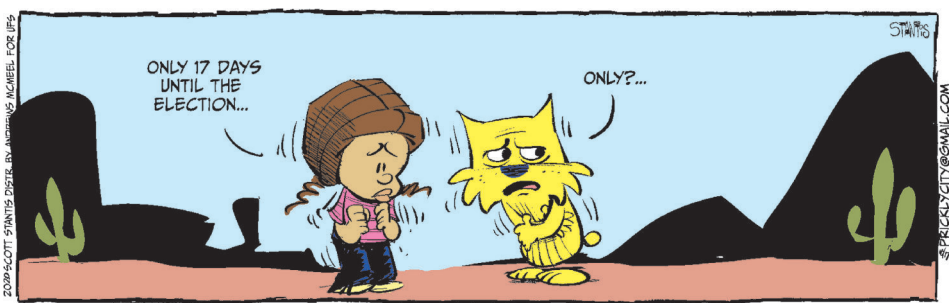
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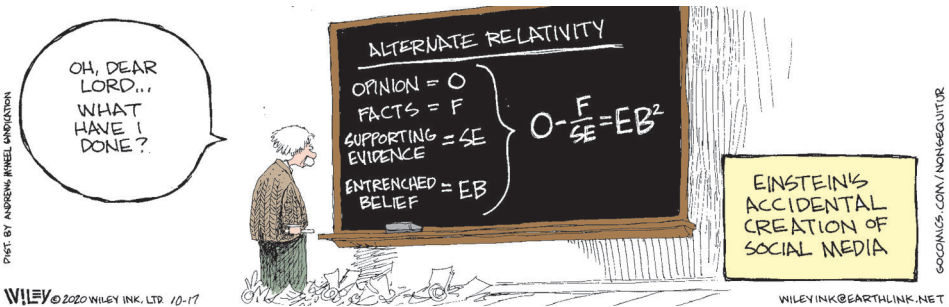
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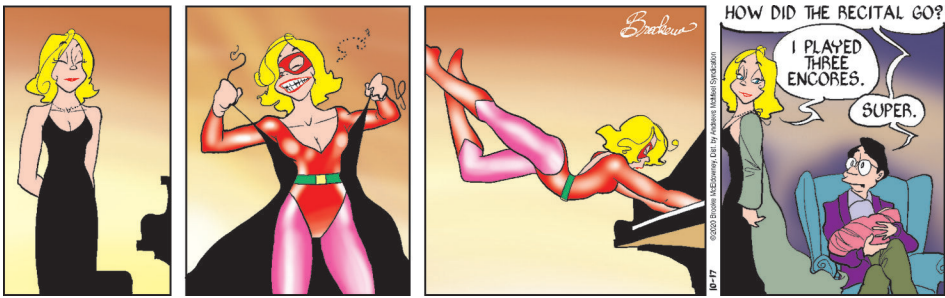
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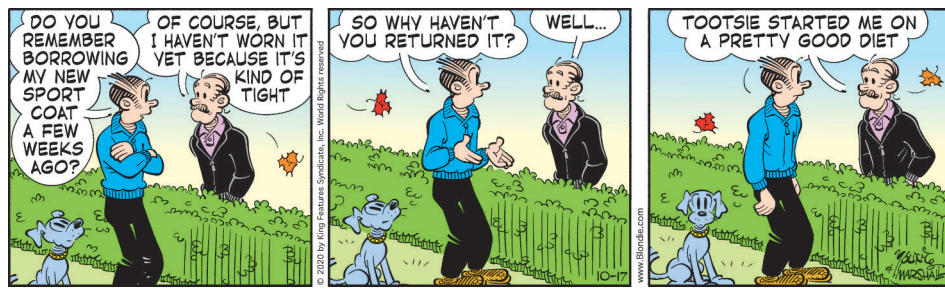
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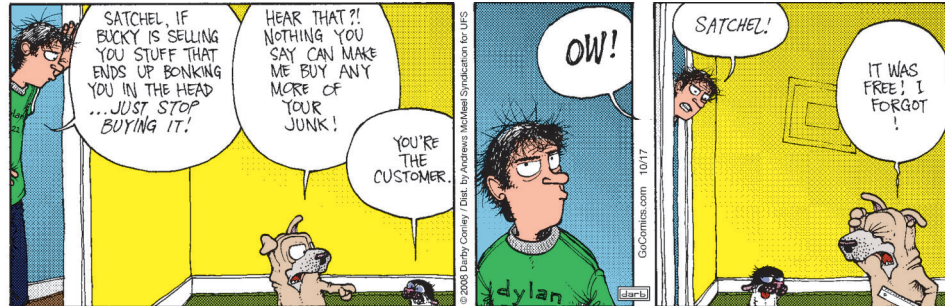
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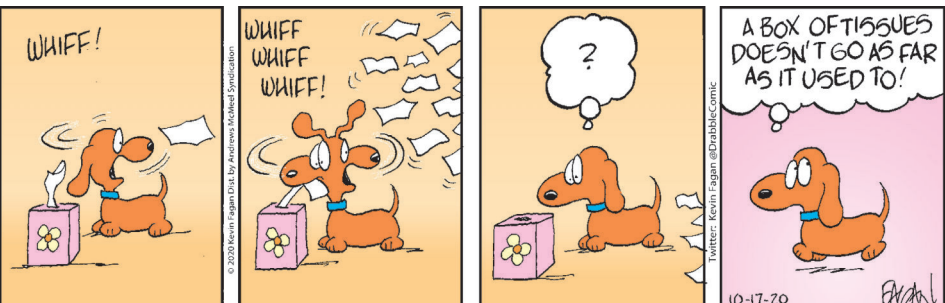
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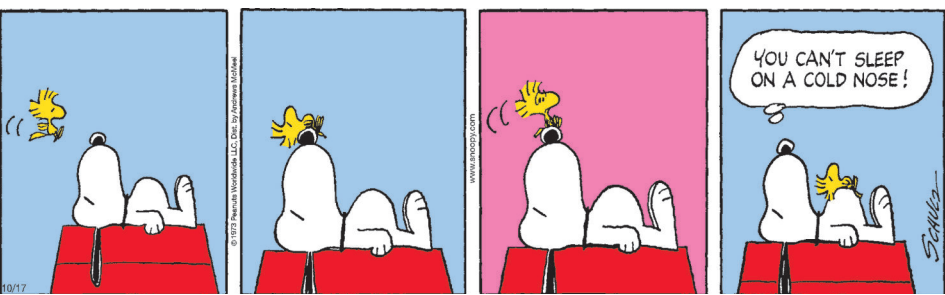
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Today in Southern California

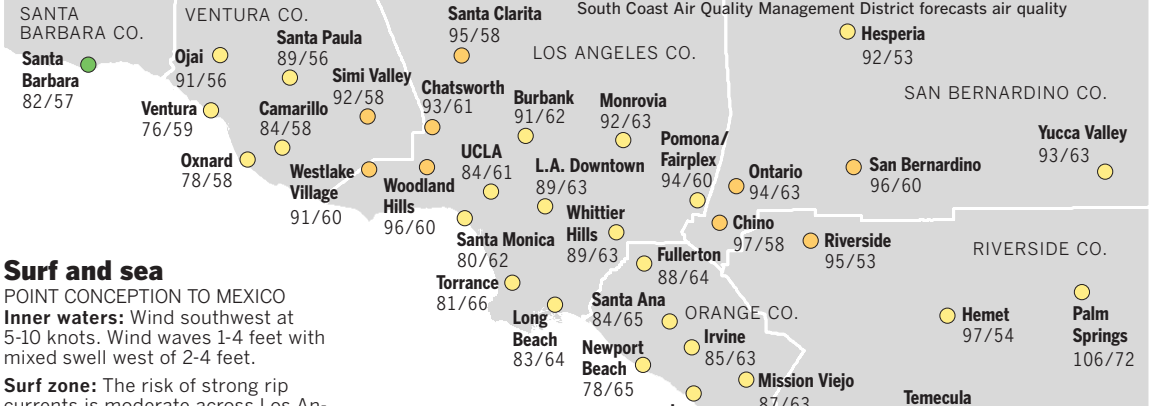
Warm but less windy: Areas of low clouds and fog this morning will gradually clear for sunshine this afternoon along the coastlines. The interior will be rather warm and sunny once again today, but it will be much less windy in the canyons and passes. This will decrease the fire risk some across the region. Low clouds and fog will develop once again tonight and continue Sunday morning.

5-day forecasts

High/low temperatures are average forecasts for entire zone.

	L.A. Basin	Valleys	Beaches	Mountains	Deserts
Today	89|63 Mostly sunny	93|61 Not as hot	80|62 Clouds, then sun	74|36 Sunny and warm	106|72 Very hot
Sunday	Mostly sunny 83/62	Mostly sunny 88/60	Mostly sunny 76/62	Sunny; warm 73/33	Very hot 103/69
Monday	Mostly sunny 81/61	Mostly sunny 85/60	Mostly sunny 75/60	Mostly sunny 71/33	Very hot 101/71
Tuesday	Partly sunny 83/61	Mostly sunny 89/62	Mostly sunny 77/60	Mostly sunny 74/33	Very hot 104/73
Wednesday	Clouds, sun 85/63	Partly sunny 90/60	Partly sunny 79/63	Mostly sunny 74/32	Very hot 102/71

Air quality



Surf and sea

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Inner waters: Wind southwest at 5-10 knots. Wind waves 1-4 feet with mixed swell west of 2-4 feet.

Surf zone: The risk of strong rip currents is moderate across Los Angeles and Ventura county beaches. There is a low risk at Santa Barbara, Orange and S.D. county beaches.

County	Height	Period	Direction	Temp
Santa Barbara	1-3'	14 sec	SSW	68
Ventura	2-4'	14 sec	SSW	68
Los Angeles	2-4'	14 sec	SSW	67
Orange	1-3'	17 sec	SSW	69
San Diego	1-3'	15 sec	SW	68

Tides

L.A. Outer Harbor, in feet.

Today	9:55a	6.6 Hi	3:41a	0.5 Lo
	10:42p	5.2 Hi	4:30p	-0.5 Lo
Sun.	10:31a	6.7 Hi	4:17a	1.0 Lo
	11:38p	4.6 Hi	5:21p	-0.6 Lo

UV index

Minutes to burn for sensitive people
Las Vegas, 45
Phoenix, 45
Los Angeles, 45
San Francisco, 45

California cities

City	Friday	Hi	Lo	Prcp.	Today	Hi	Lo	Sunday	Hi	Lo
Anaheim	xx	xx	xx		89	62	85	62		
Avalon/Catalina	75	59	--		83	67	76	63		
Bakersfield	90	61	--		93	64	92	62		
Barstow	88	56	--		96	62	95	60		
Big Bear Lake	75	42	--		74	36	73	33		
Bishop	84	50	--		91	44	89	42		
Burbank	97	65	--		91	62	86	60		
Camarillo	105	60	--		84	58	79	57		
Chatsworth	98	78	--		93	61	88	59		
Chino	105	58	--		97	58	92	58		
Dana Point	82	57	--		79	62	77	61		
Death Valley	102	84	--		101	71	100	67		
Del Mar	71	63	--		77	63	76	62		
Escondido	101	62	--		91	56	87	54		
Eureka	70	47	--		67	50	65	53		
Fairbrook	96	64	--		88	54	84	53		
Fresno	93	62	--		93	63	91	60		
Fullerton	94	63	--		88	64	84	63		
Hemet	100	56	--		97	54	92	52		
Hesperia	88	55	--		92	53	90	53		
Huntington Beach	79	61	--		78	65	77	66		
Idyllwild	85	52	--		84	62	82	58		
Irvine	88	61	--		85	63	81	63		
L.A. D'town/USC	92	65	--		89	63	83	62		

Sun and moon

Today's rise/set
Sun 7:00a/6:16p
Moon 7:54a/7:16p

Los Angeles Co. 6:59a/6:15p
Orange Co. 7:04a/6:20p
Ventura Co. 7:59a/7:19p



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Friday Downtown readings

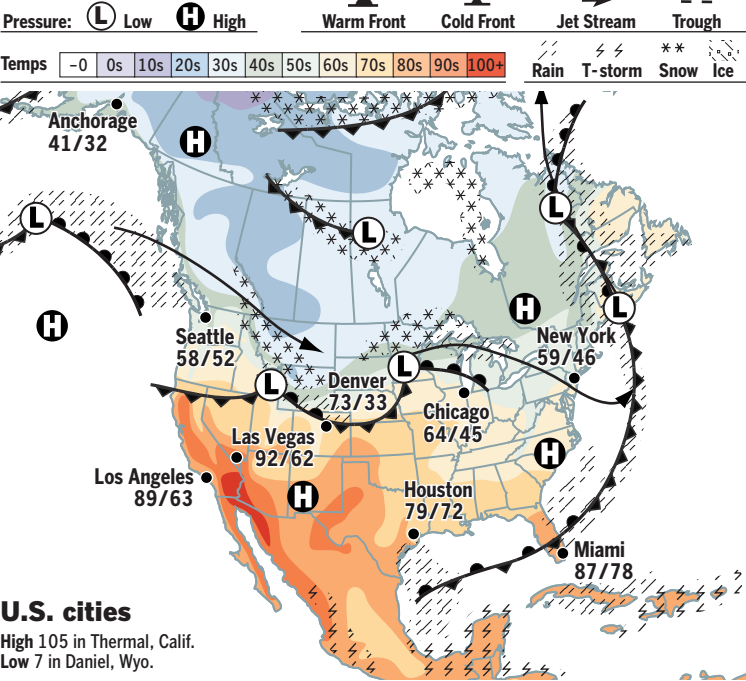
Temperature	Los Angeles	Fullerton	Ventura
High/low	92/65	94/63	96/68
Normal high/low	79/59	79/57	75/53
High/low a year ago	95/62	94/57	76/57
Record high/date	104/1958	100/2017	97/1997
Record low/date	44/1881	49/2018	44/1966

Precipitation

Los Angeles	Fullerton	Ventura
24-hour total (as of 4 p.m.)	0.00	0.00
Season total (since Oct. 1)	0.00	0.00
Last season (Oct. 1 to date)	0.00	0.00
Season norm (Oct. 1 to date)	0.28	0.31
Humidity (high/low)	81/33	93/35

Today in North America

Wintry in the Rockies: Snow will continue to fall in parts of the northern Rockies and upper Midwest as cold air pushes south from Canada. Skies will clear in much of New England after a stormy start to the day. Sunshine will prevail from the mid-Atlantic coast to the central plains.



U.S. cities

High 105 in Thermal, Calif.
Low 7 in Daniel, Wyo.

City	Friday			Prcp.	Today		
	Hi	Lo	Hi		Lo	Sky	
Albany	51	49	--	.39	56	34	Pc
Albuquerque	70	47	--	--	79	48	Su
Anchorage	37	29	--	--	41	32	Pc
Aspen	62	23	--	--	64	35	Su
Atlanta	69	56	--	--	67	49	Su
Austin	77	64	--	--	80	69	Pc
Baltimore	59	54	.23	--	62	39	Su
Boise	70	39	--	--	67	44	Pc
Boston	71	58	.48	--	57	41	R
Buffalo	53	46	.17	--	56	45	Pc
Burlington, Vt.	53	51	.78	--	55	39	Pc
Charleston, S.C.	86	68	--	--	70	54	Su
Charlotte	73	64	.01	--	64	42	Su
Chicago	53	37	.01	--	64	45	W
Cincinnati	58	37	--	--	63	47	Su
Cleveland	54	38	.Tr	--	58	47	Pc
Columbia, S.C.	78	70	.31	--	69	46	Su
Columbus	56	39	--	--	60	45	Pc
Dallas/Ft.Worth	71	51	--	--	76	69	Su
Denver	70	23	--	--	73	33	Pc
Detroit	56	33	--	--	58	49	Cy
El Paso	76	54	--	--	89	58	Su
Eugene	73	39	--	--	67	47	Pc
Fort Myers	90	76	--	--	89	72	Pc
Hartford	65	59	1.30	--	59	34	Pc
Honolulu	86	75	.02	--	85	76	Cy
Houston	67	56	.53	--	79	72	Pc
Indianapolis	57	33	--	--	64	50	Pc
Jacksonville, Fla.	88	67	--	--	74	64	Pc
Kansas City	62	34	--	--	72	42	W
Knoxville	63	52	.04	--	64	40	Su
Las Vegas	86	68	--	--	92	62	Su
Louisville	61	40	.Tr	--	66	50	Su
Medford	83	43	--	--	77	45	Su
Memphis	66	46	.Tr	--	69	56	Su
Miami	89	78	1.32	--	87	78	Ts
Milwaukee	54	36	.01	--	60	42	Sh
Minneapolis	45	33	.03	--	55	29	Pc
Nashville	63	46	.08	--	68	50	Su
New Orleans	73	67	.Tr	--	77	66	Su
New York	62	60	1.28	--	59	46	Pc
Norfolk	74	69	.21	--	62	52	Su
Oklahoma City	67	43	--	--	75	60	W
Omaha	57	36	--	--	70	35	Pc
Orlando	90	73	--	--	85	72	Pc
Philadelphia	59	54	.97	--	61	43	Su
Phoenix	102	71	--	--	99	67	Su
Pittsburgh	55	46	.30	--	57	40	Su
Portland, Ore.	66	45	--	--	64	52	Cy
Providence	71	59	.21	--	59	38	R
Raleigh/Durham	68	58	.79	--	63	41	Su
Reno	75	39	--	--	82	46	Su
Richmond	56	55	1.14	--	62	39	Su
St. Louis	65	37	--	--	70	51	W
Salt Lake City	64	39	--	--	73	49	Su

City	Friday			Today		
	Hi	Lo	Prcp.	Hi	Lo	Sky
Seattle	62	51	--	58	52	Cy
Tampa	92	75	--	88	72	Su
Tucson	101	62	--	98	62	Su
Tulsa	69	40	--	74	58	W
Washington, D.C.	60	56	.16	62	43	Su
Wichita	66	41	--	76	47	W

World

Acapulco	88	74	.08	--	88	76	Ts
Amsterdam	54	45	--	--	53	43	Pc
Athens	77	63	--	--	79	61	Pc
Bangkok	86	79	.66	--	84	74	Ts
Barcelona	63	46	--	--	65	50	Pc
Berlin	52	48	.05	--	51	41	Cy
Cabo San Lucas	95	72	--	--	91	76	Su
Cairo	86	70	--	--	87	66	Su
Dubai	96	75	--	--	97	74	Hx
Dublin	54	39	.10	--	52	43	Pc
Havana	90	72	.13	--	86	74	Ts
Ho Chi Minh City	82	75	.31	--	84	77	Ts
Hong Kong	86	76	--	--	84	73	Pc
Istanbul	75	61	--	--	77	61	Pc
Jerusalem	79	62	--	--	79	61	Su
Johannesburg	86	62	--	--	83	62	Su
Kuala Lumpur	92	76	.09	--	93	75	Hx
Lima	74	61	--	--	67	60	Su
London	55	45	--	--	56	45	Pc
Madrid	61	37	--	--	65	42	Pc
Mecca	106	72	--	--	105	72	Hx
Mexico City	68	51	--	--	75	51	Pc
Milan	61	48	.03	--	62	43	Sh
Montreal	52	50	.57	--	56	41	Su
Moscow	43	41	.11	--	42	35	Pc
Mumbai	91	79	.02	--	91	79	R
New Delhi	91	70	--	--	93	71	Hx
Paris	55	48	--	--	55	42	Pc
Prague	47	45	.60	--	46	37	Cy
Rome	64	59	.24	--	64	48	Sh
Seoul	61	43	.02	--	64	42	Su
Singapore	90	77	--	--	90	79	Ts
Taipei City	86	74	.10	--	79	73	Ts
Tokyo	64	54	.28	--	57	55	R
Vancouver	57	48	.12	--	53	48	R
Vienna	45	43	.42	--	49	40	Cy

Key: Su sunny; Pc partly cloudy; Cy cloudy; Fg foggy; Prcp precipitation; Dr drizzle; Hx/hazy Sh showers; Ts thunderstorms; R rain; Sn snow; Sf snow flurries; I ice; Rs rain/snow; W windy; Tr trace. **Notes:** National extremes exclude Alaska and Hawaii. Missing data indicated by "xx".

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State issues subpoenas over GOP's ballot boxes

[**Ballot boxes**, from B1] over to election officials. State law also stipulates that a mail voter may designate another person to return their ballot.

The bins have confused voters, Padilla said, adding that the Republican Party has "tried to spin their unlawful conduct by playing the victim all week long."

Should his office receive any indication that state law is being violated, he said, it "will not hesitate to act on it immediately."

"We are trying to make sure that the law is followed," Atty. Gen. Xavier Becerra said. "We're not going to mother, or shepherd them through, every day of activity."

Late Friday morning, the state Republican Party countered that it has made no concession to the attorney general or the secretary of state.

"In two phone calls with nine attorney general lawyers, they never requested the California Republican Party to do anything except provide information about our program and to turn over records, including names of voters, which we have declined to do," said California GOP spokesman Hector Barajas.

"This is a thuggish voter intimidation and vote suppression tactic by our Democratic attorney general and secretary of state," he added.

Republicans assert that they are operating under a 2016 state law that allows an unlimited number of completed ballots to be collected by an individual or political parties and campaigns. State officials argue that the unauthorized boxes are misleading and illegal.

The private bins have raised questions about the chain of custody of ballots, as well as concerns over the ability to enforce the integrity of elections. The boxes were placed at various locations, including gun shops, shooting ranges, churches and Republican Party offices. State election officials say there is a distinction be-



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CAITLIN HARJES of Orange, with Angel Santiago of Santa Ana, places her ballot in an official Orange County drop box. Secretary of State Alex Padilla said unauthorized GOP boxes have confused voters.

tween designating a third party to deliver a ballot for a voter and placing a ballot into an unofficial box.

The dispute adds to growing partisan rancor over allegations of voter suppression and voter fraud in the run-up to the Nov. 3 election.

For years, Republicans have decried the use of so-called "ballot harvesting" as a form of election fraud. A House Republican study raised concerns about "politically weaponized ballot harvesting" in May, decrying the practice as ripe for voter fraud and abuse without offering proof of fraud in California races.

In California, the state's Republican Party has taken Gov. Gavin Newsom and other officials to court over the practice.

In Texas, a federal appeals court ruled this week that the state can limit absentee ballot drop-off spots to only one per county.

And last year, a Republican political operative in

North Carolina was indicted on felony charges in connection with his alleged involvement in a "ballot harvesting" scheme during the 2016 general election and 2018 elections. It is illegal in North Carolina for anyone other than the voter, a close relative or legal guardian to deliver a voter's mail-in ballot.

President Trump waded into the fracas Tuesday evening and again Wednesday morning by retweeting a Times story, urging, "Fight hard Republicans!"

State party officials repeatedly have declined to say how many ballots have been collected from the boxes or to provide details on how many drop boxes are under their supervision and what rules and procedures are being used in the collection and delivery of ballots.

Barajas told The Times earlier this week that "we collect [the ballots], we transmit them, and we have a process that enables us to make sure that they are processed by the [registrar

of voters], just like the general public."

Barajas has said that the party is "looking at potentially expanding" its ballot collecting program.

During a telephone conference Wednesday, the California GOP's attorney said an "overzealous volunteer" was to blame for putting the word "official" on some of the party's private drop boxes. Officials said that language was removed from the containers over the weekend.

California Democratic Party Chairman Rusty Hicks said he felt the Republican ballot collection boxes fell short of what the law mandates, citing concerns of security and oversight.

"They're trying to make the case that a metal

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BRAVES LEAD SERIES 3-2 | **GAME 6:** TODAY AT ARLINGTON, TEXAS, 1:30 P.M. PDT **TV:** FS1



MOOKIE BETTS MAKES a shoestring catch in right field, and his throw home resulted in an inning-ending double play, when Braves' Marcell Ozuna left too soon. Photographs by ROBERT GAUTHIER Los Angeles Times

Good Will not bunting

Biggest swing in this series for Dodgers comes from glove of Mookie Betts

DYLAN HERNÁNDEZ

He's the kind of player that other players tell stories about.

Years from now, when teammates and coaches share the lessons they learned by watching Mookie Betts play, they will recount the Dodgers' 7-3 victory over the Atlanta Braves on Friday night in Game 5 of the National League Championship Series.

About how Betts changed the game with his glove.

About how he influenced a series in which he was batting only .222.

About how he was worth \$365 million because he cared about the less glamorous parts of the game.

Never has Betts slumped in a Dodgers uniform the way he has in this series. Never has he looked more important to the team.

"He's the straw that stirs us," manager Dave Roberts said.

With the win in Game 5, the Dodgers dodged elimination and reduced their deficit in the best-of-seven series to three games to two.

A defensive play by Betts inspired the comeback victory.

In the third inning, the Dodgers were behind, 2-0. With starter Dustin May pitching only two innings, Joe Kelly was on the mound. The Braves were on the verge of extending their lead, as they had runners on second and third with one out.

That was when the Braves' Dansby Swanson hit a sinking line drive to shallow right field.

Betts charged the ball, but Roberts didn't think he would reach it.

Betts not only made the catch, but he also did so without diving.

"A lot of it is instinctual," Betts said. "I just knew I needed to stay on my feet in order to get it, throw and have a chance at [See Hernández, D4]



WILL SMITH homers against the Braves' Will Smith, the first same-name matchup in postseason history, to give the Dodgers a 4-2 lead in the sixth inning.

Kay indicted in Skaggs' death

Longtime Angels employee charged with giving fentanyl to pitcher who died of overdose. **D3**

Lue keeps the stars aligned

Through the years, the new Clippers coach has earned the trust and respect of NBA giants. **D3**

Astros win again to force Game 7

The team everyone hates could make history and reach World Series after a 29-31 regular season. **D4**

Smith's three-run homer turns game around as Dodgers stay alive in series

BY JORGE CASTILLO

ARLINGTON, Texas — Will Smith versus Will Smith. It was an apt battle for a game-changing moment in Major League Baseball's warped 2020 season.

With his team trailing by a run, Will Smith, the catcher for the Dodgers, sought to continue the momentum his club had created facing elimination. Will Smith, the left-handed reliever for the Atlanta Braves, sought to wiggle free from a mess in the sixth inning of Game 5 of the National League Championship Series on Friday.

The clash ended on the sixth pitch — a 3-2, 94-mph fastball — after Will Smith, the hitter, laid off three close pitches as if he knew what the other Will Smith was thinking.

The pitch was not poorly placed; it darted to the inside part of the plate above the knees. But Will Smith, the hitter, anticipated the location after getting four consecutive pitches inside. So, he dropped his hands and barreled the baseball.

Both Will Smiths knew the outcome off the bat. The pitcher didn't bother to peek. The hitter couldn't stop looking. He watched the ball for its entire trajectory as he jogged to first base with bat in hand. He flipped the lumber when the ball landed over the left-field wall for a three-run home run to give the Dodgers their first lead in a 7-3, season-saving victory at Globe Life Field.

"I'll always bet on our Will Smith," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said.

Corey Seager sandwiched Smith's power display with two home runs and three RBIs. He is the first shortstop to hit four home runs in a playoff series of any length. Mookie Betts collected two hits, drove in the Dodgers' other run and made the defensive play of the game. Six relievers combined to give up one run in seven innings after Dustin May lasted just two. Kenley Jansen, the beleaguered former closer, flashed increased velocity and struck out the side in the ninth to seal [See Dodgers, D5]

PRO CALENDAR

	SAT 17	SUN 18	MON 19	TUE 20	WED 21
 RAMS		at San Francisco 5:20 Ch. 4			
 CHARGERS	NEXT: OCT. 25 VS. JACKSONVILLE, 1:25 P.M., CH. 2				
 DODGERS	Atlanta* 1:30 FS1	Atlanta* 5:15** Ch. 11			
 GALAXY		VAN. 7:30 SpecSN			
 LAFC		at Portland 7 YouTube TV			

Shade denotes home game *Playoff game **If necessary

TODAY ON THE AIR

TIME	EVENT	ON THE AIR
AUTO RACING		
9:30 a.m.	IMSA Sportscars, Motul Petit Le Mans, Road Atlanta	TV: NBCSN
1 p.m.	NASCAR, Truck Series, Clean Harbors 200	TV: 11
4 p.m.	NASCAR, Xfinity Series, Kansas Lottery 300	TV: NBCSN
6:30 p.m.	IMSA Sportscars, Motul Petit Le Mans, Road Atlanta	TV: NBCSN
BASEBALL: CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES		
1:30 p.m.	National League, Atlanta vs. Dodgers, Game 6	TV: FS1, FOXD R: 570, 1020
5:30 p.m.	American League, Houston vs. Tampa Bay, Game 7	TV: TBS
BOXING		
4:30 p.m.	Vasiliy Lomachenko-Teofimo Lopez undercard bouts	TV: ESPN, ESPND
7 p.m.	Lightweights, Vasiliy Lomachenko vs. Teofimo Lopez	TV: ESPN, ESPND
COLLEGE FOOTBALL		
9 a.m.	Clemson at Georgia Tech	TV: 7
9 a.m.	Kansas at West Virginia	TV: 11
9 a.m.	Auburn at South Carolina	TV: ESPN
9 a.m.	Navy at East Carolina	TV: ESPN2
9 a.m.	Liberty at Syracuse	TV: Prime
9 a.m.	Kentucky at Tennessee	TV: SEC
9 a.m.	Texas State at South Alabama	TV: ESPNU
9 a.m.	Pittsburgh at Miami	TV: ACC
10:30 a.m.	Western Kentucky at Alabama Birmingham	TV: FSW
10:30 a.m.	Army at Texas San Antonio	TV: CBSSN
11:30 a.m.	Louisville at Notre Dame	TV: 4
12:30 p.m.	Central Florida at Memphis	TV: 7
12:30 p.m.	Duke at North Carolina State	TV: Prime
12:30 p.m.	Mississippi at Arkansas	TV: SEC
1 p.m.	Texas A&M at Mississippi State	TV: ESPN
1 p.m.	Massachusetts at Georgia Southern	TV: ESPN2
1 p.m.	Virginia at Wake Forest	TV: ACC
2 p.m.	North Texas at Middle Tennessee State	TV: FSW
3 p.m.	Marshall at Louisiana Tech	TV: CBSSN
4:30 p.m.	North Carolina at Florida State	TV: 7
4:30 p.m.	Southern Mississippi at Texas El Paso	TV: ESPN2
5 p.m.	Georgia at Alabama	TV: 2
5 p.m.	Boston College at Virginia Tech	TV: ACC
GOLF		
11:30 a.m.	Champions Tour, Dominion Energy Charity Classic, first and second round	TV: Golf
2 p.m.	The CJ Cup at Shadow Creek, third round	TV: Golf
4 a.m.	PGA European Tour, Scottish Championship, final (Sun.)	TV: Golf
HORSE RACING		
5:30 a.m.	British Champions Day – Ascot	TV: FS2
9 a.m.	Trackside Live!	TV: TVG
6 p.m.	The Quarters, Los Alamitos	TV: TVG
SOCCER		
7 a.m.	England, Chelsea vs. Southampton	TV: NBCSN
7 a.m.	Spain, Celta Vigo vs. Atletico Madrid	TV: bein1, beinES
9:30 a.m.	England, Manchester City vs. Arsenal	TV: 4
9:30 a.m.	Spain, Real Madrid vs. Cadiz	TV: bein1, beinES
10 a.m.	Portugal, Braga vs. Nacional	TV: GOLTV
Noon	Spain, Getafe vs. Barcelona	TV: bein1, beinES
12:30 p.m.	MLS, Sporting Kansas City at Chicago	TV: KMEX, TUDN, Univision
12:30 p.m.	Portugal, Sporting CP vs. Porto	TV: GOLTV
1 p.m.	NWSL, North Carolina at Orlando	TV: 2
3 p.m.	Mexico, Monterrey vs. Puebla	TV: FS2, ESPND
3 p.m.	Ecuador, Independiente del Valle vs. Quito	TV: GOLTV
5 p.m.	Mexico, Guadalajara vs. Atlas	TV: KVEA
5:30 p.m.	Ecuador, Barcelona vs. Delfin	TV: GOLTV
6:30 p.m.	Mexico, Cruz Azul vs. Tigres UANL	TV: TUDN
SWIMMING		
11 a.m.	International Swimming League	TV: 2
TENNIS		
9:30 a.m.	Ultimate Tennis Showdown 3, round-robin	TV: Tennis
3 a.m.	St. Petersburg, Cologne, Sardinia and Bett1Hulks (Sun.)	TV: Tennis

THE DAY IN SPORTS

Patriots cancel practice after fifth player tests positive

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

The New England Patriots canceled practice Friday and later placed center **James Ferentz** on the reserve/COVID-19 list after he became the fifth player on the team to test positive for the virus.

New England already twice had the original Week 5 matchup against Denver postponed following four earlier positive coronavirus tests by players.

The game is scheduled for Sunday but could be in jeopardy.

“I don’t really know the answer to that,” Broncos coach **Vic Fangio** said when asked about finally playing the Patriots.

“We’re under the assumption and understanding that this game’s going to go off on time. And anything that happens otherwise will happen when it happens.”

After announcing that several individuals within the organization tested positive for COVID-19 and briefly closing their practice facility, the Indianapolis Colts came back with an announcement that those tests were false positives, and the building was reopened.

“The team will open the practice facility this afternoon under the league’s intensive protocol and will continue preparation for Sunday’s game against Cincinnati,” the Colts said in a statement.

— SAM FARMER

NFL leading rusher **Dalvin Cook** will sit out Minnesota’s game on Sunday because of a groin injury, giving **Alexander Mattison** the opportunity for his first start at running back. ... The Pittsburgh Steelers will be without Pro Bowl guard **David DeCastro** (abdomi-

nal) and wide receiver **Diontae Johnson** (back) on Sunday. ... Green Bay Packers coach **Matt LaFleur** said wide receiver **Davante Adams** and defensive tackle **Kenny Clark** will be “ready to go” after both players missed multiple games with injuries.

ETC.

Saban negative in follow-up test

Alabama coach **Nick Saban** tested negative in a follow-up test for COVID-19, leaving open the possibility of a return to the sideline today.

If Saban tests negative two more times, he would be allowed on the sidelines for the second-ranked Crimson Tide’s showdown with No. 3 Georgia on Saturday night.

The Southeastern Conference postponed next week’s game between Missouri and No. 10 Florida to Oct. 31, the third league contest moved this week because of COVID-19 outbreaks.

Kansas football coach **Les Miles** was cleared to return to the Jayhawks after his positive test for COVID-19 but out of caution would skip the team’s trip to West Virginia for Saturday’s game.

Brandon Crossley ended the first overtime possession with an interception and **Chris Naggar** made a 34-yard field goal to give No. 17 Southern Methodist a 37-34 victory over host Tulane. ... **Zach Wilson** completed 25 of 35 passes for 400 yards and four touchdowns to lead No. 14 Brigham Young to a 43-26 victory over Houston.

The CJ Cup SECOND-ROUND LEADERS Shadow Creek Golf Course Las Vegas Par 72 | 7,527 yards				
	1st	2nd	Total	
Schauffele	66	64	130	-14
Hatton	65	68	133	-11
Henley	66	68	134	-10
Gooch	70	65	135	-9
Kokrak	70	66	136	-8
Morikawa	71	65	136	-8
The NCAA stripped Massachusetts of victories in men’s basketball and women’s tennis for overpaying 12 athletes about \$9,100 in financial aid over three years, prompting criticism of the penalty from the Atlantic 10 Conference commissioner. The school plans to appeal the committee’s decision to vacate results from 2014 to 2017.				
Anthony Joshua will defend his world heavyweight				

titles for the first time this year when he will face **Kubrat Pulev** on Dec. 12 in London.

Xander Schauffele made seven birdies over eight holes, including six in a row, for an eight-under 64 and a three-shot lead over **Tyrrell Hatton** in the CJ Cup at Shadow Creek in North Las Vegas.

The Kings signed center **Quinton Byfield** to a three-year entry level contract, striking a deal with the 18-year-old less than two weeks after they picked him second overall in the NHL draft.

— JACK HARRIS

The Toronto Maple Leafs signed 41-year-old forward **Joe Thornton** to a one-year, \$700,000 contract. Thornton is a six-time All-Star and won the Hart Memorial Trophy in 2006.

LETTERS

Lakers end drought, but Dodgers are still thirsty

I’m sure none of the Lakers are celebrating their NBA championship by going to Walt Disney World.

VAUGHN HARDENBERG
Westwood

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Move over, Reggie Jackson, there is a new Mr. October. His name is LeBron James.

KEN FELDMAN
Tarzana

::

What a great thing to see: the complete lack of ego in LeBron and Anthony Davis’ relationship. If only Shaq and Kobe had that same dynamic and chemistry, the Lakers would be on championship No. 24!

WILLIAM DAVID STONE
Beverly Hills

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When LeBron James came into the league I was not impressed with him and felt he was one-dimensional. But, as time went on, I grew to admire his game much more; he developed a lethal outside jumper and became a defensive force. Not only have I evolved to admire his game on the court but have also admired his social and political activism off the court. His opening a school in his native Akron, Ohio, is a phenomenal achievement that speaks loudly to how this man has evolved as a human being.

For all those so-called Lakers fans that didn’t embrace him when he came to L.A., don’t climb on the bandwagon now. You lost your chance to support a good person and a fantastic basketball player.

MARK THOMPSON
Simi Valley

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Jerry is a Laker, Kareem is a Laker, Magic is a Laker, Kobe is a Laker.

Being a Laker for a year or two or three doesn’t necessarily make you a true Laker. LeBron and Anthony Davis aren’t Lakers, they’re just mercenaries.

Hats off to the Lakers, but it seems a little hollow.

DAVE THOMA
Ventura

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Let’s give credit to the person responsible for the Lakers’ roster. Rob Pelinka put together the necessary pieces to compete. Anthony Davis was his prize addition and Rajon Rondo was a huge plus. This was all done with limited contract money available. He will continue to make roster moves that will make next year’s team much better. Remember, Pelinka did all this after being tossed under the bus by his predecessor and the same man who drafted Lonzo Ball instead of Jayson Tatum.

GIL MOE
Palm Desert

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During the 10 dark years after the last Lakers championship, player comments after losses were always “we have to play better defense.” But nothing changed, game to game. Congratulations to Rob Pelinka for recruiting good defenders, to Frank



Vogel for really emphasizing defense, and to the Lakers players for supreme execution.

EDDIE DAWES
Hacienda Heights

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So Bill Plaschke now thinks that when the “Lakers hired cerebral coach Vogel,” they found “the perfect curator for James’ intelligent style.”

Bill must think no one would remember his column in the May 12, 2019 edition of The Times with the headline: “Frank Vogel’s Hiring by Lakers Prompts a Question: Are They Kidding?” In this column, Bill came up with some real gems, such as, “The Lakers have found a head coach for LeBron James whose teams were eliminated by James in the playoffs three consecutive seasons,” “In its latest bewildering move, a franchise that once enjoyed a Who’s Who of coaching talent hired a Who’s That,” and “There are legitimate questions about whether James will respect and follow a coach who has no Finals appearances and could never figure him out.”

It appears Bill just proved himself wrong.

JOHN BRANSFIELD
Arroyo Grande

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The Lakers’ NBA championship win brought out the best in Page One Plaschke. He is always intriguing and poetic, but this time he was superlative. I hope he has several more chances to wax poetic about our hometown team.

JACK WALKER
Santa Monica

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During the playoffs the Clippers failed to cover the spread or their tracks — let alone Jokic and Murray — so they’ll be covering another banner inside Staples Center instead.

STEVE ROSS
Beverly Hills

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Man, zone, or match-up, kudos to Adam Silver, NBA players, coaches and staff on playing perfect defense against COVID-19. All it took was self-sacrifice, adherence

to scientific protocols and shared commitment. There’s probably a moral there somewhere.

DAVE SANDERSON
La Cañada Flintridge

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Your paper devoted a full page to the trials and tribulations NBA millionaires endured in the luxury resort bubble at Walt Disney World. LeBron James said, “It’s probably been the most challenging thing I’ve ever done ... as far as committing to something and actually making it through.” A mental skills coach said, “Being away from your family, being away from your friends, that’s torture.” Please.

Thousands of young Americans enlist in the armed services and live in barracks confined to their base during basic training. No family or friends there. Some of them serve in war zones where things really are tough, once again without family and friends. Perhaps the NBA players should compare hardships with them. Perhaps The Times could do a story comparing the two situations.

GERRY SWIDER
Sherman Oaks

Winding down

Would you please stop making Dylan Hernández embarrass himself by forcing him to write on baseball. It’s obvious he knows almost nothing about the sport and I’m sure he’s trying the best he can to do a credible job. I feel sorry for him and hope you’ll finally let him get back to something he does know about — boxing. Unless, of course, you’ve decided to have him write for comic relief?

GEORGE NEWBERRY
San Pedro

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Would you please see what it would take to get Vin Scully to come back and announce the World Series if the Dodgers are in it! When the play-by-play announcer says, “Oh yeah, the batter is Acuña,” when the count on the leadoff batter for the Braves is already 3-2, you know a change is needed.

JOHN SNYDER
Newbury Park

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Forget the Clipper Curse. We have been slammed with the Plaschke Curse once again. After writing that the Dodgers’ 15-3 win in Game 3 “felt like a knockout punch” and “Can you clinch a series with a single victory? Can you sweep without sweeping?” he stated the Dodgers may not lose again. Which meant of course they would lose Game 4.

Thanks, Bill. Once again you get caught up in the moment and don’t notice that your foot is heading squarely into your mouth.

DANNY BALBER JR.
Pasadena

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Clayton Kershaw is a shoo-in for the Fall of Shame. Fall being autumn.

GARY H. MILLER
Encino

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I think I have figured out Dave Roberts’ managing style. You go through your entire pitching staff until you find the one to give up the lead, as demonstrated by Monday night’s loss to Atlanta and many games throughout the season. Then you hope to make the game interesting by having the Dodgers bats get them out of trouble. May the baseball Gods help us if the bats go silent.

KENT M. PAUL
Costa Mesa

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I’m sure that in 50 years Dave Roberts doesn’t want fans to think that his biggest accomplishment in baseball was stealing second base in the bottom of the ninth to help lead the Boston Red Sox in their three-games-to-none comeback against the Yankees in the 2004 ALCS.

RICHARD KATZ
Los Angeles

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Kay indicted in Skaggs' overdose death

Ex-Angels employee is charged with giving pitcher the fentanyl that proved fatal.

By NATHAN FENNO

A federal grand jury in Texas indicted former Angels employee Eric Kay on two felony counts in the overdose death of pitcher Tyler Skaggs.

The indictment, returned late Thursday and filed Friday morning in U.S. District Court in Fort Worth, charges Kay with distributing the fentanyl that resulted in Skaggs' death last year.

"On or about June 30, 2019 ... Eric Prescott Kay, the defendant, did knowingly and intentionally distribute a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance, and the use of said substance resulted in the death and serious bodily injury of [Skaggs]," the indictment said.

It also alleges Kay and unspecified "others" conspired to "possess with the intent to distribute and to distribute" a substance containing fentanyl "beginning in or before 2017."

An attorney for Kay and a spokesman for the Skaggs family didn't immediately respond to requests for



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TYLER SKAGGS, 27, was a local standout in his fifth year with the Angels when he died.

comment.

Kay, who worked in the Angels' media relations department for 24 years, was arrested by federal authorities Aug. 7 on a charge of distributing fentanyl. He hadn't entered a plea.

The deadline to indict Kay was extended twice after the initial charge while both sides discussed a plea bargain.

Skaggs, 27, died in his hotel room July 1, 2019, in Southlake, Texas, before the Angels were scheduled to start a three-game series against the Rangers. The toxicology report by the Tarrant County medical examiner found fentanyl and oxycodone in his system and listed the cause of death as "alcohol, fentanyl and oxy-

codone intoxication with terminal aspiration of gastric contents."

According to the affidavit supporting the criminal complaint, Kay visited Skaggs late at night June 30 in response to his request for pills. The filing included text messages between the two men.

"Hoe [sic] many?" Kay wrote.

"Just a few like 5," Skaggs responded.

Investigators found a counterfeit oxycodone pill laced with fentanyl in Skaggs' room and "white residue" on the floor that tested positive for fentanyl.

"It was later determined that but for the fentanyl in [Skaggs'] system, [he] would not have died," Drug Enforcement Administration special agent Geoffrey Lindenberg wrote in the affidavit.

Kay and Skaggs had a "history of narcotic transactions," the affidavit alleged, and Kay provided opioids to Skaggs "and others in their place of employment and while they were working."

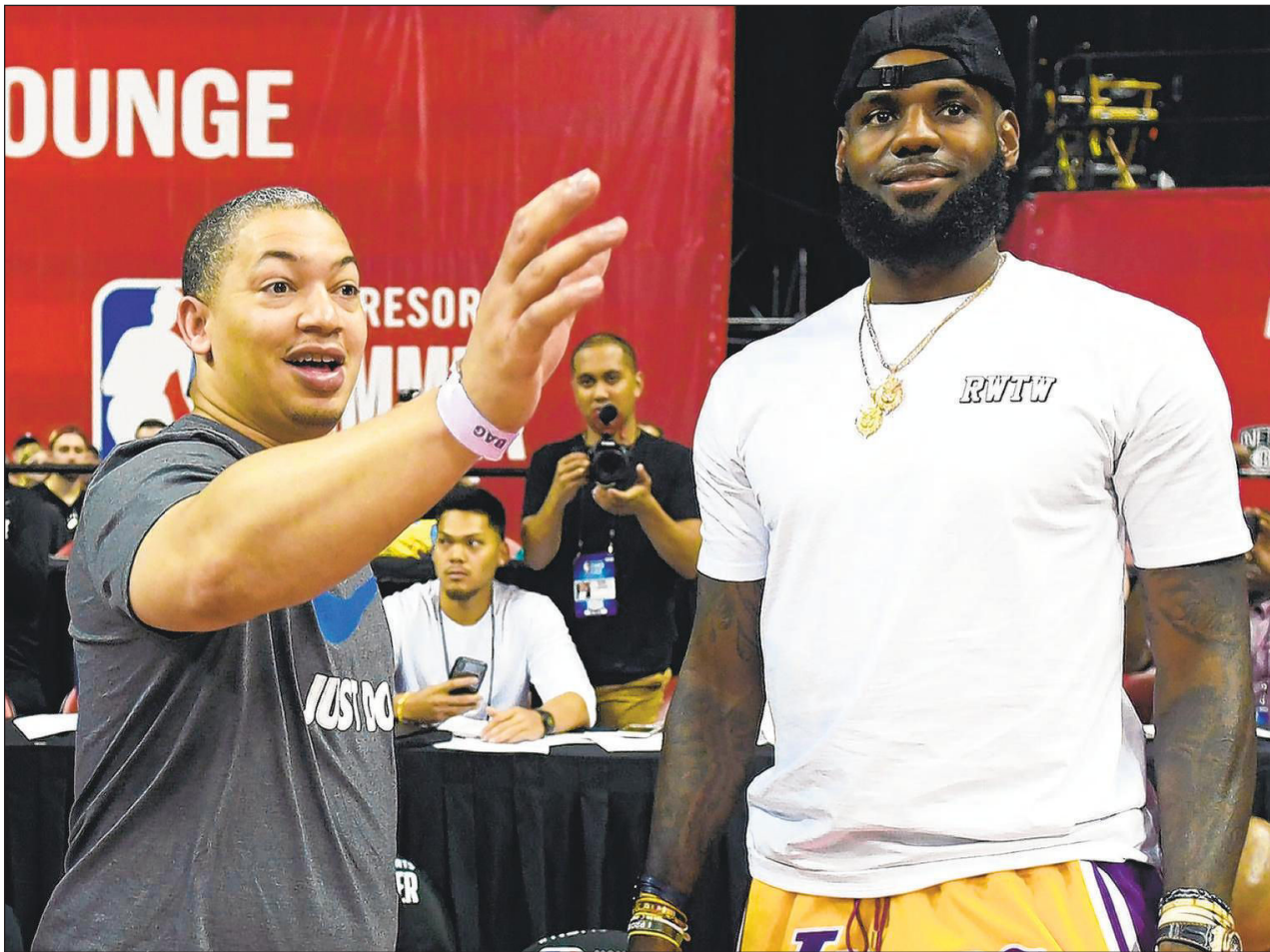
If convicted, Kay faces a maximum of 20 years to life in prison for the distribution resulting in death charge and a maximum of 20 years in prison for the conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute charge.

He is scheduled to be arraigned in Fort Worth on Oct. 28.



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ERIC KAY talks to Mike Trout, wearing a Skaggs jersey, in the dugout before the Angels honored Skaggs by no-hitting Seattle at Angel Stadium on July 12, 2019.



ETHAN MILLER Getty Images

NEW CLIPPERS coach Tyronn Lue has a good rapport with today's NBA superstars such as LeBron James.

Lue keeps the stars aligned

Surrounded by the biggest names in the NBA as a player and coach, the new Clippers boss has earned the trust, respect of today's greats

By DAN WOIKE

He walked the sidelines 272 times as the coach of the Cleveland Cavaliers, hearing his name 272 times during introductions, trying to implement 272 game plans before and after 272 opening tips.

The story everyone loves to tell about Tyronn Lue's time in Cleveland can be distilled to a single moment of coaching, a single decision that culminated during a single halftime.

The story shows how Lue is willing to coach, no matter who is involved in that moment. For a team like the Clippers, whom Lue has agreed to coach, with superstars waiting to win, it's a story that could end up repeating.

It was Game 7 of the NBA Finals. The Cavaliers were losing. Lue didn't like what he saw. He made a choice.

He directly challenged LeBron James.

He hated James' body language, he called him out defensively and he demanded fewer turnovers. Later, during halftime, he even invoked James' legacy, the two men cursing their way through the most critical intermission of the entire season.

The Cavaliers won a championship with James notching a triple-double while making the game's defining defensive play, the chase-down block on a layup

by Golden State's Andre Iguodala. Lue won a title and earned a reputation for not backing down from the game's most powerful star.

The most important part of this story isn't that Lue and James went at it, that Lue chewed out his best player. That's not his style. The important part is that Lue was comfortable enough to do it, to break character when it mattered most, no matter the people it angered.

"Tis intense, but he's not always vocal. He's not always aggressive. He doesn't need to be," said Channing Frye, who won a title with Lue, James and the Cavaliers in 2016. "If you prepare, you're ready to go and your team is good, what do you need to be intense about? Obviously, there are certain situations, but when you play 82 games a year, the time to get intense is in the playoffs or if it's a must-win. Ty knows when. He's been around enough."

Lue played with Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal. He guarded Allen Iverson — and was there for other things that happened. He played with Michael Jordan. He coached Kyrie Irving, Kevin Love and James. Lue's been around enough to know that no superstar can be coached the same way. But Frye said there are truths that apply no matter the player.

"It's two things — trust and communication," Frye said. "If they don't trust you,

'When it comes to Xs and O's, plays from out-of-bounds, plays against certain teams, that man is an absolute genius.'

— CHANNING FRYE, on Clippers coach Tyronn Lue

you're [in trouble]. And then it's communication — 'This is why I want to do this.' It's in the film, it's in the work. And if you have trust and can communicate, you can work with any star. If you trust me that I'm doing my job the right way and I trust you to give you freedom, then it'll work."

More than any other candidate the Clippers could've hired, Lue has the pedigree. He earned the trust of the stars he's played with and coached, and he's gotten the respect of his players with an incredible playbook.

"I just think it's just his level of calmness no matter what's going on," James told Cleveland.com in 2017. "He always talks about, at the end of the day, he's already won in life so whatever else happens after this is extra credit. And I feel the same way.

"That's why I'm able to relate to him so much. Lose here, or you win a game here, it's like, 'All right, cool. I've already done so much more than anybody ever gave me credit of doing or thought I can do, so there's no reason to get too high or too low.' It's the even-keel mentality about our coach and it definitely helps us as players when we're going out into a war."

For Lue it means trading a regular-season loss to gain important information he can use to win a playoff series.

"When it comes to Xs and O's, plays from out-of-bounds, plays against certain teams, that man is an absolute genius," Frye said. "He doesn't talk about himself enough. He is that guy."

Then there's the ability to communicate. The Game 7 confrontation with James wasn't how Lue normally plays it, but in that moment, it was the right thing for him to do.

"It's how you talk to that person," Frye said. "Is there trust? Is there love? Do you see each other's side? That's what T. Lue did for all of us."

Now he'll need to do that for Kawhi Leonard and Paul George. Getting the most out of the Clippers' best, pushing them at the right time and letting them go at others, Lue will have to push the right buttons.

The Clippers' future depends on it.

The LeBron James of Rams secondary

Ramsey is utilized in different positions in role likened to that of Lakers' superstar.

By GARY KLEIN

The trade that brought him from the Jacksonville Jaguars to the Rams last October ensured that Jalen Ramsey would have a star turn in Los Angeles.

Now the three-time Pro Bowl cornerback is actually playing the versatile "star" position in the Rams' defense — and drawing comparisons to the city's biggest superstar.

"I see him like a LeBron James is used on the basketball court," Rams defensive coordinator Brandon Staley said this week, adding, "He's what his team needs him to be in that particular game in order for them to be successful. That's what makes him one of the best players of all time. ... I feel like Jalen's that same way."

"We're going to put him where we feel like it's best and fortunate he's got skill sets to be able to move him around some."

As with James — a four-time NBA champion who can play guard, forward or center for the Lakers — Ramsey has been deployed this season as a cornerback on the outside, in the slot, and also as a safety, hybrid linebacker and pass rusher.

"Jalen Ramsey is a natural player at 'star,'" Staley said. "I think that anybody that knows his game going back from when he was in high school knows that this is what he's capable of doing."

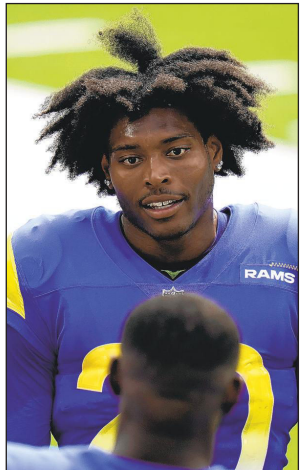
Ramsey has helped the Rams to a 4-1 start going into Sunday's NFC West game against the San Francisco 49ers (2-3) at Levi's Stadium.

The Rams rank fourth in the NFL in defense, giving up 304.2 yards per game. They are second in passing defense (197.8 yards per game), third in scoring defense (18 points per game) and ninth in rushing defense (106.4 yards per game).

Last season, Ramsey played only cornerback after the Rams gave up two first-round draft picks in a deal near the NFL trade deadline.

His multifaceted role this season did not come as a surprise. From the time Staley was hired to replace Wade Phillips, he intimidated Ramsey was not viewed solely as a cornerback. General manager Les Snead had said there was "a vision and goal" to utilize Ramsey "in a way that's never been used before."

Ramsey's presence has created opportunities for other defensive backs, including cornerbacks Darious Williams and Troy Hill. But Ramsey also has made sev-



JAE C. HONG Associated Press

'I think that anybody that knows his game ... knows that this is what he's capable of doing.'

— BRANDON STALEY, defensive coordinator, on Jalen Ramsey, above

eral key stops or pass break-ups, including one involving Dallas Cowboys receiver Amari Cooper and another involving New York Giants receiver Golden Tate.

In last week's 30-10 victory over Washington, Ramsey stopped quarterback Kyle Allen with a helmet-to-helmet collision that knocked Allen out of the game because of a shoulder injury.

Ramsey was fined more than \$15,000 for a postgame fight with Tate and he could be fined again for the hit on Allen, regardless of whether it was intentional.

Ramsey, who signed a \$105-million extension before the season, declined Friday to participate in his weekly videoconference.

On the field, 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan said this week that Ramsey is "going to be a problem for a long time" for opposing play-callers.

"You don't know where he's going to be on the field," Shanahan said.

Etc.

Linebacker Micah Kiser (groin, chest) was a full participant in practice and is listed as questionable for Sunday's game. Offensive lineman Bobby Evans (shoulder) is probable. ... Running backs coach Thomas Brown wore a protective boot and navigated the field at times on a scooter Friday after suffering a torn right Achilles during practice Thursday. Coach Sean McVay said Brown would have surgery next week.

MLB PLAYOFFS

Astros in rare spot after beating Rays to force a Game 7

HOUSTON 7
TAMPA BAY 4

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO — George Springer and Jose Altuve delivered big hits, Framber Valdez pitched six brilliant innings and the Houston Astros beat the Tampa Bay Rays for the third consecutive time 7-4 Friday to force a deciding Game 7 of the AL Championship Series.

Houston chased starter Blake Snell in the fifth before Springer hit a go-ahead, two-run single and scored on Altuve's double. Carlos Correa, who hit a walkoff home run in Thursday night's 4-3 win, added an RBI single.

The Astros are one win away from their third World Series in four seasons and joining the 2004 Boston Red Sox as the only teams to rally from a 3-0 deficit to win a seven-game series. The Red Sox stunned the New York Yankees to win the ALCS before winning their first World Series in 86 seasons.

Otherwise, big league clubs leading 3-0 in a best-of-seven postseason series are 37-1.

Houston also is trying to become the first team to win a pennant with a losing regular season record (29-31). The Astros have been criticized for their role in a cheating scandal en route to the 2017 title that was uncovered last offseason.

"We're not through writing history," Astros manager Dusty Baker said. "We're hoping we can have a happy ending to this historic season and historic year."

"This team's battled back big time. You've got to love this team, or some people hate this team, but I mean you've at least got to respect this team, the way that they've worked."

Manuel Margot homered twice and drove in three runs for the Rays. Despite blowing a 3-0 series lead, they remain one win away from the second World Series in franchise history — and one loss from joining the 2004 Yankees in ignominy.

Game 7 on Saturday night will feature the pitchers who started and finished Houston's Game 7 win against the Dodgers in the 2017 World Series. Lance McCullers Jr. will go for the Astros while 36-year-old Charlie Morton is expected to start for the Rays.

It's also a rematch of Game 2 of this series, won 4-2 by Morton and the Rays.

"We've just got to bounce back," Rays manager Kevin Cash said. "This isn't the scenario that we wanted leading 3-0, but this is a resilient group. Encouraged that the offense kind of got going there. Look for some carryover."



THE ASTROS scored four runs in the fifth inning to turn the game around, with George Springer greeted by Carlos Correa.

ALCS

Series tied 3-3



1 Tampa Bay vs. 6 Houston

Games played in San Diego
Rays are home team in Games 1, 2, 6, 7

Rays lead 3-1

GM	TAMPA BAY	.....	2
1	HOUSTON	.....	1
GM	TAMPA BAY	.....	4
2	HOUSTON	.....	2
GM	TAMPA BAY	.....	5
3	HOUSTON	.....	2
GM	HOUSTON	.....	4
4	TAMPA BAY	.....	3
GM	HOUSTON	.....	4
5	TAMPA BAY	.....	3
GM	HOUSTON	.....	7
6	TAMPA BAY	.....	4

GM Today, 5:30 p.m., TV: TBS
7 HOU: McCullers vs. TB: Morton

ALCS GAME 6 ASTROS 7, RAYS 4

Houston	AB	R	H	BI	Avg.	Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	Avg.
Springer cf	4	1	2	2	.269	Brosseau 2b	4	0	0	0	.000
Altuve 2b	3	2	2	1	.455	Arzama dh	3	0	0	0	.333
Brantley dh	4	1	2	1	.348	Renfroe rf	3	0	1	0	.222
Correa ss	5	0	3	1	.261	a-Meadows rf	1	0	0	0	.111
Bregman 3b	5	0	0	0	.125	YDiaz 1b	2	0	0	0	.154
Tucker rf-1f	1	1	2	2	.200	b-Choi 1b	1	0	0	0	.300
Gurriel 1b	2	1	0	0	.118	Lowe lf	3	2	1	0	.136
A.Diaz lf	3	1	2	0	.455	Margot cf	4	2	2	3	.286
Reddick rf	2	0	0	0	.308	Adames ss	2	0	1	1	.133
Straw cf	0	0	0	0	---	Wendle 3b	4	0	0	0	.118
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Tampa Bay 010 000 120—4 6 0

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Walks—Houston 9: Springer 1, Altuve 2, Brantley 1, Tucker 1, Gurriel 3, Maldonado 1. Tampa Bay 6: Brosseau 1, Arozarena 1, Y.Diaz 1, Lowe 1, Adames 2. Strikeouts—Houston 11: Springer 2, Brantley 2, Correa 2, Bregman 2, Tucker 1, Reddick 1, Maldonado 1. Tampa Bay 13: Brosseau 3, Renfroe 2, Meadows 1, Y.Diaz 1, Choi 1, Margot 1, Wendle 2, Zunino 2. LOB—Houston 10, Tampa Bay 6.

2B—Altuve (2), Correa (1), Adames (2). HR—Tucker (1), off McClanahan. Margot (2), off Scrubb; Margot (3), off Javier. RBIs—Springer 2 (5), Altuve (5), Correa (3), Tucker 2 (2), Brantley (4), Adames (3), Margot 3 (6).

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Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Snell, L, 1-1.....	4	3	2	2	4	4	82	3.00
Castillo.....	1	3	2	1	1	0	14	2.45
McClanahan.....	1%	5	3	3	1	2	45	16.20
Alvarado.....	%	0	0	0	3	2	25	0.00
Loop.....	%	0	0	0	0	2	11	0.00
Curtiss.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	8	2.08

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Loup.....	%	0	0	0	0	2	11	0.00
Curtiss.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	8	2.08

WP—Snell. U—Tim Timmons, Manny Gonzalez, John Tumpane, Jeff Nelson, Ted Barnett, Chris Conroy, T—4:01.

"There's no doubt the momentum has shifted, but I would bet on this team being very capable of bouncing back," he said.

Valdez, who lost the opener of this series 2-1 to Snell, held the Astros to one run and three hits while striking out nine and walking three in his third career postseason start. He gave up Willy Adames' RBI double in the second.



ROBERT GAUTHIER Los Angeles Times

THE DODGERS had enough faith in Dustin May to start him in Game 5, but the right-hander was inefficient and ineffective in a two-inning stint, forcing the bullpen to work the final seven innings.

Buehler gets another moment to live up to

The Dodgers need the hard-throwing right-hander to deliver again in a key postseason situation.

BILL SHAIKIN ON BASEBALL

In a little more than two hours, Dustin May would step onto the mound and attempt to save the Dodgers' season. Dave Roberts, the Dodgers' manager, stepped to a microphone and expressed his faith in his young pitcher.

May is 21. He never had a started a postseason game, except for a one-inning stint as an opener. On Friday, as the Dodgers faced elimination, the team would need him to go deep into the game.

"This," Roberts said, "could be his Walker Buehler moment."

Spoiler alert: It was not.

Spoiler alert: It did not matter. The Dodgers shrugged off the conventional wisdom, at least for a night, and extended their 2020 season in their own way.

May covered the first two innings, and not well. The beleaguered bullpen covered seven innings, and very well. The Dodgers spotted the Atlanta Braves two runs and then roared back, with a 7-3 victory in Game 5 of the National League Championship Series.

The Dodgers lived to play another day. If they win on Saturday, they will play for a spot in the World Series on Sunday.

Buehler starts for the Dodgers on Saturday. For the Dodgers, it would be a perfect day for him to have another Walker Buehler moment.

It was Buehler, not Clayton Kershaw, who started Game 1 of

the Dodgers' only postseason series last season. He threw six shutout innings against the eventual World Series champion Washington Nationals.

And it was Buehler, not Kershaw, who started Game 1 in each of the three rounds of this year's playoffs. Buehler is 2-0 with a 2.77 earned-run average.

Big Game Buehler?

"I don't know if there's anything specific about me," he said. "I think I've learned some kind of cliché techniques of how to take some breaths in certain spots and things like that, but at the end of the day it is about making pitches, and I've been fortunate enough to do that in some spots previously."

In 2018, the Dodgers and Colorado Rockies required a tiebreaker to decide the National League West. Buehler had started that season in the Pacific Coast League. The Dodgers gave him the ball for Game 163.

Buehler took a no-hitter into the sixth inning. He left in the seventh, with the Dodgers leading 5-0, on their way to the World Series.

May still awaits his Buehler moment. If the Dodgers come back to win this series, May might even have his Buehler moment in the World Series.

On Friday, May did not have much of anything.

The Braves, remember, were the ones running a bullpen game on Friday.

Their starting pitcher was a reliever, A.J. Minter. He had not started a game since 2015, when he played for Texas A&M and he faced Coach Darin Erstad and the Nebraska Cornhuskers. Not to say it did not go well for Minter, but that was his last start before he underwent Tommy John surgery.

Before the game, Atlanta man-

ager Brian Snitker tempered expectations for how long he thought Minter could pitch.

"Maybe one inning," Snitker said. "We'll see how he goes through one inning, and maybe he goes back out. We'll kind of play it by ear and see what happens."

Snitker was not playing coy. Minter never had completed even two innings in his major league career.

So, of course, he pitched the game of his life: three innings, no runs, one hit, seven strikeouts.

By the time Minter was gone, May was long gone.

May staggered through two innings, with unusually low use of his sinker, unusually high use of his curve, and unusually shaky command. He faced 11 batters, giving up three hits, two walks and two runs.

In Game 1 of this series, May worked in relief of Buehler, getting five outs on 21 pitches. On Friday, he got six outs on 55 pitches.

The Dodgers had to run a bullpen game, not the first choice of a team that believed its biggest advantage in this series was the depth of its starting rotation.

The ERA of the Dodgers' bullpen over the first four games of the series was a high-flying 7.47.

The ERA of the Dodgers' bullpen in Game 5: 1.29.

Joe Kelly, Blake Treinen, Pedro Báez, Victor González, Brusdar Graterol and Kenley Jansen combined to give up one run and four hits over seven innings, holding down the Braves while Corey Seager and Will Smith roughed up the Braves' bullpen.

It was not May's day. But, for the Dodgers, it was not mayday. Game 6, dead ahead.

Shaikin reported from Los Angeles.

Betts' big plays keep the Dodgers on their feet

[Hernández, from D1]
him at home."

Marcell Ozuna narrowly beat Betts' throw to the plate, but the Dodgers asked the umpires to review the play to determine whether he properly tagged up.

Ozuna hadn't.

Double play. Inning over.

"It's not always on the offensive side that you get that spark," Dodgers shortstop Corey Seager said. "A big play like that in a big moment, that changes everything for you. You go into the dugout with some energy."

Seager directed that emotional force into his next at-bat, as he led off the fourth inning with a home run to center field.

In a span of two at-bats, the Dodgers went from potentially being down by three to reducing the Braves' lead to 2-1. Betts' catch represented a two-run swing.

If Betts hadn't caught the ball before it dropped, it wouldn't have mattered that Ozuna hopped off third base early. If Betts had dived when making the grab, Ozuna



ROBERT GAUTHIER Los Angeles Times

WILL SMITH can't tag Atlanta's Marcell Ozuna, who scores on a sacrifice fly but is out on a challenge because he didn't tag up.

might not have prematurely rushed home. "We've had a lot of great plays this year, but if you're talking about momentum shifts, that's the play of the year for me," Roberts said.

The inning in which the Dodgers claimed the lead also started

with Betts. Similar to how he started a historic 11-run first inning in Game 3, Betts opened this offensive surge with an infield hit. In this instance, he beat a throw by third baseman Austin Riley.

With one out and Justin Turner in the batter's box, Betts stole

second base. The extra base was critical.

Later in his at-bat, Turner hit a grounder up the middle, which resulted in Betts being caught in a rundown between second and third base. However, Betts didn't allow the Braves to tag him out until Turner reached second base.

Braves manager Brian Snitker replaced right-hander Shane Greene with left-hander Will Smith. With two outs, Smith walked the left-handed-hitting Max Muncy. Next up was the Dodgers' own Will Smith.

The matchup of Will Smiths was won by the Dodgers' catcher, who blasted a three-run homer to left. The Dodgers now led, 4-2.

In retrospect, the difference between the Dodgers trailing by three and leading by two was Betts making a catch, remaining upright and making a throw on the run, Betts legging out an infield single, stealing a base and extending a rundown.

He went on to drive in the first of three insurance runs the Dod-

gers scored in the seventh inning.

Turner said that after the Dodgers' loss in Game 4, many players exchanged text messages late into the night. This wasn't a rah-rah speech from Tom Lasorda, but it had a similar effect.

"The one thing we talked about is this is an opportunity to do something special," Turner said. "So everyone's embracing the challenge and ready to go."

Except they weren't.

Reliever A.J. Minter started for the Braves and the Dodgers made him look like Sandy Koufax. Minter pitched three shutout innings and struck out seven of the 10 batters he faced.

This was looking like a replay of the previous night when they were held to one run over six innings by the unheralded Bryse Wilson.

Then, Betts gave the Dodgers some stories to tell, showing again how a small play by him could lead to something big for the team.

Hernández reported from Los Angeles.

MLB PLAYOFFS: NATIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

NOTES

Rookies upshift into neutral sites

By MIKE DiGIOVANNA

Had this been a regular post-season, Atlanta pitcher Ian Anderson would have made Tuesday's Game 2 start in Dodger Stadium with more than 50,000 hostile fans doing everything they could to intimidate, harass and distract the rookie right-hander.

Instead, the COVID-19 pandemic pushed the game to Arlington, Texas, at neutral-site Globe Life Field, where a quarter-capacity crowd of 10,624 was split between the Braves and the Dodgers and nowhere near as intimidating as a packed house in Chavez Ravine.

Anderson, who made all of six big league starts before these playoffs, blanked the Dodgers on one hit for four innings of an 8-7 victory, running the 22-year-old's post-season scoreless streak to 15⅓ innings in three starts.

Two days later, fellow 22-year-old rookie right-hander Bryse Wilson, who also had six big league starts before the postseason, threw six dominant innings against the Dodgers, giving up one run and one hit in a 10-2 Game 4 win Thursday night.

Earlier Thursday, in an empty Petco Park in San Diego, five Houston rookies — Luis García, Blake Taylor, Enoli Paredes, Andre Scrubb and Brooks Raley — combined to yield two runs and four hits in 6⅓ innings of the Astros' 4-3 win over Tampa Bay in Game 5 of the American League Championship Series.

Dodgers rookies Edwin Ríos, Dustin May, Brusdar Graterol, Victor González and Tony Gonsolin have had their moments.

And the breakout star of this postseason has been a rookie, Tampa Bay outfielder Randy Arozarena, who entered Friday's game with a .417 batting average, 1.357 on-base-plus-slugging percentage, six homers and eight RBIs in 12 games.

Which raises the question: Could the circumstances of this postseason — games played in neutral sites with no fans or a minimal number of fans — make it easier for rookies to thrive?

"I think that might be part of it," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said Friday.

"But I also think that in this game, in general, players are younger. We've seen it in the post-season. You've seen it also on a position player side, even from [the Braves].

"So I think that guys are just ar-



ROBERT GAUTHIER Los Angeles Times

DODGERS ROOKIE Victor González pitched the seventh inning in Game 5, giving up one run. He's among several first-year players who have thrived at times in near-empty, neutral-site parks.

iving earlier and feeling more comfortable in the big leagues. But certainly, when you're not playing in a hostile environment on the road, it's a little different than even here, when we got, call it 12,000 sort of neutral-ish fans, or Braves-Dodgers fans. A mixed bag."

Anderson and Wilson are two of three rookies in Atlanta's rotation. The other is 25-year-old right-hander Kyle Wright, who threw six shutout innings in an NL Division Series Game 3 win over Miami but was rocked for seven runs in five hits in the first inning of a 15-3 Game 3 loss to the Dodgers Wednesday.

"The stage they're on right now, it's pretty remarkable," Braves veteran reliever Josh Tomlin said. "You talk about experience — no one ever has experience until they actually have to go through it. Those guys asked a lot of questions of guys like us. We try to give them the best advice, the best information we can.

"They listen, asked all the right questions. They understand who they are as pitchers now. I think

that's the biggest part, understanding who you are, what makes you good and not trying to do anything more than that. If it wasn't good enough, you wouldn't be here."

Rookie pitchers might also benefit from the novelty effect. The Dodgers had never faced Anderson, who baffled them with his fast-ball-changeup combination, or Wilson, who featured a 95-mph four-seam fastball, a 94-mph two-seam sinking fastball, 87-mph changeup and 80-mph curve.

"Guys are stepping up and pounding the strike zone and having success," Dodgers third baseman Justin Turner said. "Part of it is, I think, a lot of guys haven't really seen those guys, so we're looking forward to getting another crack at them."

Good makeup

The Dodgers pounded Atlanta for 15 runs and 13 hits, including five homers, in the first three innings of Game 3.

The way the Braves responded in Game 4, snapping a 1-1 tie with a

six-run sixth inning in a 10-2 victory to move to within one win of their first World Series berth since 1999, was further evidence of the character and resolve manager Brian Snitker believes his team possesses.

"I call it the 'it' factor — I don't know [what it is], but this team has it," Snitker said.

"You can't create it. It happens with the personnel. They care about each other. They pull for each other. This is a group ... with grit, the resiliency to put [Game 3] behind them."

Snitker knew the Braves had the talent to contend for a pennant, but it took a month or two of regular-season games for the club's personality to emerge.

"I think you have to wait for the season to unfold and see how they react to situations," Snitker said. "You have a really good feel [for the team] because of the personnel, but until you get into the wars, you're not 100% sure."

DiGiovanna reported from Los Angeles.

Braves have grown team on the farm

A young starting rotation led by Fried, Anderson and Wilson enable team to go toe-to-toe with Dodgers.

By MARIA TORRES

For years, the Dodgers have wrought havoc on opponents with the help of homegrown talent. Their farm system season after season has proved fertile, ripe with prospects developed by one of the best minor league structures in the sport.

When catcher Austin Barnes' offensives woes dragged past the All-Star break last season, the Dodgers gave his job to prospect Will Smith and watched the rookie complete his first 54 games in the majors with 42 RBIs and an eye-catching .907 OPS. He was far from the only rookie to make an impact. Alex Verdugo batted .294, the sixth-best mark among newcomers with at least 350 plate appearances. Matt Beaty ranked third in baseball in average with runners in scoring position (.379; minimum of 50 plate appearances with RISP).

On the mound, Tony Gonsolin struck out 37 in 40 innings. Dustin May broke into the majors with a 3.63 ERA over his first 14 outings.

This summer, when ace Clayton Kershaw missed his opening day start because of back spasms, May stepped up again.

All those players mentioned were nurtured their entire professional careers by the Dodgers' elite player development staff. Half of the players on the Dodgers' National League Championship Series roster this week can make the same claim. The Dodgers have relied on the strength of their internal talent pipeline more often than not during their eight-year reign over the National League West.

In the NLCS, they ran into a team that has largely followed the same principles.

"This organization has never wavered from their scouting and player development," said Braves manager Brian Snitker, who has been with the team for 44 years and managed in the minor leagues many of the players responsible for Atlanta's division titles from 1991 to 2005. "It's the lifeline of what we're doing here."

The Braves haven't simply gone toe-to-toe with the Dodgers.

They have put the Dodgers on the brink of elimination in spite of the historic inexperience of their starting rotation. According to Elias Sports, the Braves' five starters combined for 75 career starts in the regular season — the fewest combined even by four starters for a team in a postseason series.

The implosion of rookie Kyle Wright in Game 3, in which the Dodgers walloped the 25-year-old for seven runs, looks like a blip in comparison with the overall performances of their rookie starters both in this series and since the beginning of the playoffs.

On Thursday night in Game 4, the Dodgers were manhandled by prospect Bryse Wilson. The 22-year-old entered the game having spent most of the regular season with the team's squad of alternates relearning how to deploy the two-seam fastball. That pitch proved vital to his one-hit, one-run effort over six innings.

Two games earlier, rookie Ian Anderson held the Dodgers scoreless despite pitching with men on base in three of his four innings.

In the series opener, Harvard-Westlake High product Max Fried struck out a postseason-high nine batters. Fried isn't a rookie, but Monday marked only the third time in his career the 26-year-old had started in the playoffs.

Fried, Anderson, Wilson, Wright and Game 5 starter A.J. Minter have pitched to a 2.74 ERA (14 earned runs in 46 innings) this postseason. Remove Wright's collapse and the ERA drops to 1.38. The Braves were 8-1 in the playoffs entering Friday's Game 5 and those five pitchers started all nine games.

Fried is the only pitcher of the group not drafted by the Braves, who have been run by former Dodgers front-office executive Alex Anthopoulos since the start of the 2018 season.

Yet Fried, a first-round draft pick of the San Diego Padres in 2012, spent most of his minor league career in Atlanta's farm system after joining it ahead of the 2015 season.

NLCS

Best-of-seven series

**1 Dodgers vs. 2 Atlanta**

Games played in Arlington, Texas
Dodgers home team in Games 1, 2, 6, 7

Braves lead series 3-2

GM ATLANTA5
1 DODGERS1

GM ATLANTA8
2 DODGERS17

GM DODGERS15
3 ATLANTA3

GM ATLANTA10
4 DODGERS2

GM DODGERS7
5 ATLANTA3

GM Today, 1:30, TV: FS1

6 ATL: Fried vs. LA: Buehler

GM Sunday, 5:15, TV: Ch. 11

7 ATL: TBD vs. LA: TBD

Game 7, if necessary

NLCS GAME 5
DODGERS 7, BRAVES 3

Dodgers	AB	R	H	BI	Avg.	Atlanta	AB	R	H	BI	Avg.
Betts rf	4	1	2	1	.222	Acuna Jr. rf	4	0	0	0	.176
Seager ss	4	2	2	3	.400	Freeman 1b	4	2	2	0	.444
Turner 3b	4	1	1	0	.300	Ozuna dh	3	0	1	0	.333
Muncy 1b	3	1	0	0	.200	d'Arnaud c	3	0	1	2	.333
Smith c	4	1	1	3	.150	Albies 2b	4	0	0	0	.381
Bellinger cf	4	0	0	0	.150	Swanson ss	3	1	0	0	.158
Pollock lf	3	0	1	0	.231	Riley 3b-HF	4	0	1	0	.150
Hndrz 2b	1	0	1	0	.429	Markakis lf	2	0	1	0	.300
Pedrn dh	4	0	0	0	.333	a-Cmrgo 3b	1	0	0	0	.286
Taylor 2b-HF	3	1	1	0	.143	Pache c	3	0	1	1	.235
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Walks—Dodgers 1: Muncy 1, Atlanta 3: Ozuna 1, Swanson 1, Camargo 1. **Strikeouts**—Dodgers 14: Betts 1, Seager 1, Turner 1, Muncy 1, Smith 1, Bellinger 3, Pollock 2, Pederson 2, Taylor 1, Rios 1, Atlanta 10: Freeman 1, d'Arnaud 1, Albies 2, Swanson 2, Riley 2, Markakis 1, Camargo 1. **LOB**—Dodgers 2, Atlanta 5. **2B**—Turner (2), Taylor (1), Freeman (2). **HR**—Seager (3), off Matzek; Smith (1), off Smith; Seager (4), off Webb. **RBIs**—Seager 3 (10), Smith 3 (5), Betts (1), d'Arnaud 2 (3), Pache (4). **SB**—Betts (1). **SF**—d'Arnaud, Swanson. **Runners left in scoring position**—Dodgers 1 (Muncy); Atlanta 2 (Freeman, Acuna Jr.). **RISP**—Dodgers 2 for 4; Atlanta 1 for 9. **Runners moved up**—Albies, Pache, Ozuna, d'Arnaud. **GIDP**—Pederson, Pache. **DP**—Dodgers 2 (Smith, Betts, Turner, Betts; Turner, Hernandez, Muncy); Atlanta 1 (Swanson, Albies, Freeman).
Dodgers IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA
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 Baez, H, 11 0 0 0 2 14 3.86
 Gonzalez1 1 1 1 0 0 17 4.50
 Graterol1 0 0 0 0 1 11 11.57
 Jansen1 0 0 0 0 3 12 0.00
Atlanta IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA
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 Matzek1 1 1 0 2 21 2.08
 Greene, H, 11 2 1 1 0 0 25 2.45
 Smith, L, 1-1, BS, 0-1,1 2 2 1 0 0 19 16.20
 Webb1 3 3 0 3 25 13.50
 Tomlin2 1 0 0 2 22 10.13
Inherited runners scored—Gonzalez 1-0, Graterol 1-1, Smith 1-1.
PB—Smith (0).
 U-Dan Iassogna, James Hoyer, Pat Hoberg, Will Little, Cory Blaser, Jim Reynolds. T-3:45. **Tickets sold**—11,119 (40,300).

Smith, Seager, Betts make difference as L.A. stays alive

[**Dodgers**, from D1] the result.

The Braves now lead the series 3-2. Game 6 is Saturday. Max Fried will start for Atlanta. The Dodgers will give the ball to Walker Buehler with their season on the line, again.

"The whole goal is to win," Seager said. "We haven't done that yet."

The Braves planned for a bullpen game Friday. The Dodgers didn't. And yet the Dodgers, in a disastrous development, went to their bullpen first. They hoped Dustin May could give them between 75 and 90 pitches through the sixth inning, but he threw 55 pitches in two innings before he was pulled.

The rookie right-hander didn't get any favors in the first inning. Freddie Freeman doubled on a ball that first baseman Max Muncy could've stopped. Freeman advanced to third on a passed ball by Smith and scored on Travis d'Arnaud's sacrifice fly to put Atlanta on the board first.

The Braves scored again in the second inning when Cristian Pache — after failing to drop a sacrifice bunt — lined a hanging 0-2 curveball to center field for an RBI single. It was one of the 19 curveballs May threw in his outing — an unusual ratio for the right-hander, who threw a curveball just 13.4% of the time during the regular season.

A.J. Minter, meanwhile, muzzled the Dodgers in his start since he threw five innings against Nebraska for Texas A&M in 2015. Before the game, Braves manager Brian Snitker said the club wanted one inning from Minter. He instead gave them three dominant innings. The left-hander allowed one baserunner — Justin Turner doubled — and compiled seven strikeouts, getting his last five outs that way.

But the game changed once Minter left the mound. It was the same formula the Dodgers used to jump-start their only other win in the series: Betts making a hustle play and a replay review going right for Los Angeles.



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COREY SEAGER RETURNS to the dugout in the seventh inning after hitting his second home run of the game.

In Game 3, Betts legged out a single to lead off the game. The dugout erupted when the out call was reversed. The Dodgers then became the first team to score 11 runs in a postseason inning.

On Friday, the Braves, already leading by two, welcomed Joe Kelly with two singles to begin the third inning. After a groundout moved the runners to second and third, Dansby Swanson lifted a fly ball to shallow right field. Betts sprinted in, reached down to his feet and caught the ball before it touched a blade of artificial grass.

Marcell Ozuna scored from third base, beating Betts' throw on the run, to give Atlanta an apparent 3-0 lead. But the Dodgers were sure Ozuna left too early. They appealed, but third base umpire Will Little ruled that Ozuna left on time. A review revealed the truth: Ozuna hopped off the bag before Betts caught the ball. He was ruled out to complete an inning-ending double and erase a run.

"That's the play of the year for me," Roberts said.

Moments later, with left-hander Tyler Matzek on the mound for At-

lanta, Seager belted a 415-foot home run to straightaway center field to lead off the fourth inning. It was a two-run swing in a span of a few minutes. The Dodgers, down 2-1, didn't look back.

Will Smith, the pitcher, entered the game with a runner on second base and two outs in the sixth inning. He got behind Max Muncy 3-0 before Muncy took two strikes. Muncy wound up not swinging at all; he took a fastball for ball four. Betts called it the play of the game. It set the stage for the first same-name encounter in postseason history.

"It's a common enough name," said Smith, who went to high school with another person named Will Smith and was unimpressed by the development.

It ended with Will Smith, the normally reserved catcher, clobbering the biggest home run of his life off another man named Will Smith. He released a roar before smashing first base coach George Lombard's hand in celebration. Half of the 11,119 people in attendance erupted. The Dodgers' season was alive.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

USC, UCLA games could be family affairs

The parents of players from both schools have started a petition to gain admittance

By RYAN KARTJE

Horace and Shelby McCoy have never missed one of their son's games. Wherever football took Bru McCoy over the years, they dutifully followed — driving, flying, adjusting their schedules however necessary. Anything to support their son from the stands.

After a dizzying transfer saga and a mysterious illness put his college debut on a year-long pause, that support felt even more important ahead of this season. But as Bru prepares to make his long-awaited USC debut on Nov. 7, the McCoy's may not be there to see it.

In Los Angeles County, where USC and UCLA play, fans are barred by local health guidelines from attending football games. That includes the McCoy's and other families of USC and UCLA players, many of whom signed an online petition this week to express their dismay and implore local and state officials to consider an exemption to allow families to attend.

"We're just dying to see that first time when he runs out of the tunnel," Shelby McCoy said. "It's like climbing a mountain, and then you get to the top, and you can't look. As a mom, I just want to be there so bad."

The conference won't stand in the way of that reunion. The Pac-12 CEO Group, which previously voted not to allow fans at games, already approved an exemption for families to attend last month. But that exemption is subject to approval by local health authorities, and in Los Angeles, where the rate of COVID-19 cases is rising, persuading officials who were initially adamant about empty stadiums could prove to be an uphill climb.

USC and UCLA have worked to-

gether nonetheless in an attempt to convince county officials, according to a person familiar with the schools' efforts. Those discussions are still ongoing three weeks out from the start of their pandemic-shortened seasons.

"It's not a Pac-12 decision, it's not a USC decision," USC coach Clay Helton said Thursday. "And the city and the state have done what's best for the community. So hopefully it will change. I'm a parent. I've got a son that's in high school. I would love to see him play as long as it's safe and the environment's safe."

Chip Kelly, UCLA's coach, offered similar support. "I'm all for the parents and families to be a part of this process and to be a part of seeing their kids play," he said. "That's what this thing is all about."

But as the season draws near, many families at USC and UCLA are frustrated that local officials won't even consider plans to safely allow them into vast stadiums of 80,000-plus empty seats, where safe social distancing, in their minds, seems achievable. "We understand the situation, that we're very fortunate to even be playing considering what's happened in L.A. and the community spread problem," Horace McCoy said. "But I don't think it's too much to ask for their parents to be there to support their kids, man. I really don't."

Those frustrations came to a head this week in a group chat among mothers of USC players. As they discussed possible action, one suggested starting a petition to push the conversation along. That petition quickly took shape and, as of Friday afternoon, had more than 3,600 signatures. Sahaja Douglass — whose son, Liam, is a Trojans offensive lineman — wrote that safety precautions in large, open-air



JOHN MCGILLEN / USC Athletics

WIDE RECEIVER Bru McCoy will make his long-awaited USC debut on Nov. 7.

stadiums would be "easily accomplished" and that the presence of their families was "important for the emotional health of Pac-12 players."

"They've been on an emotional, stressful roller coaster these last six months," said Scott Rodriguez, whose son, Jason, is a USC offensive tackle. "These kids need our support."

Even during a season unaffected by a pandemic, opportunities for players to see their families are often limited. With players largely locked down on their respective campuses, those family moments are even harder to manufacture. Over his previous two seasons at UCLA, Melva Thompson-Robinson would often see her son, UCLA quarterback Dorian Thompson-Robinson, only after games.

"Sometimes, that's only 10 or 15 minutes because Dorian's got interviews and treatment or whatever after, so it's not like there's a whole bunch of time when you're away," Thompson-Robinson said. "Like at Oklahoma, I'm looking down at him in the loading dock and talking to him. So you cherish those little moments."

Those moments, like so many others, could be upended by the virus this season. But as parents consider a fall without watching their sons from the stands, the McCoy's and others are willing to do whatever it takes to keep them intact.

"We've thought of a million different ways to make it safe," Shelby McCoy said. "Everyone could have their time to get there, so you're never bottle-necked. Take our temperatures. We'll all keep our masks on."

"We'll do whatever we can, just to get inside that stadium."

Times staff writer Ben Bolch contributed to this report.

Could Nike be his biggest recruit?

Kelly has ties to apparel giant, and UCLA is seeking new deal as its partnership with Under Armour ends.

By BEN BOLCH

Needing a new apparel sponsor, UCLA could turn to an old friend of its football coach.

Chip Kelly and Nike co-founder Phil Knight were so close when Kelly coached at Oregon that Sports Illustrated reported Kelly allowed Knight to don a headset inside his Autzen Stadium suite and listen to the coaches' play calls during games.

Knight has poured hundreds of millions of dollars into the athletic department at his alma mater, where the Ducks' gleaming basketball facility, Matthew Knight Arena, bears the name of his late son. The Oregon football team's flamboyant Nike uniforms under Kelly featured a kaleidoscope of colors and its shiny helmets displayed otherworldly designs in "Liquid Metal" paint.

Does it sound like the sort of fun the Bruins might enjoy after a humdrum three-year partnership with Under Armour? Kelly helped broker the transition to Nike at a previous school, according to one of his former coaches.

"Chip was very instrumental in making UNH a Nike school," Bill Bowes, who coached Kelly at New Hampshire, told The Times in 2018. "We were Reebok when I was there."

Kelly was predictably coy Friday when asked about his Nike connections, though he did acknowledge owning some gear with the famed swoosh.

"Yes, I do have Nike shoes, yes," Kelly said during a teleconference with reporters.

Given his strong Nike ties, does Kelly hope UCLA can consummate a deal with the apparel giant?

"I don't have any say in the matter," Kelly said. "My job is to stop people from getting first downs and get first downs, so I'm going to stay in that realm."

Asked if he was wearing his Nikes now that the Bruins' record

\$280-million deal with Under Armour had unraveled, Kelly said, "No, but I can wear whatever I want. We still have Under Armour shoes that are provided for us here."

UCLA athletic director Martin Jarmond recently disclosed that all of the Bruins' teams would wear gear provided by their current apparel sponsor for the 2020-21 school year because it was too late to equip them as part of a replacement deal. Kelly said he believed his team had enough Under Armour equipment for next season.

UCLA sued Under Armour for more than \$200 million in August, alleging breach of contract, after the apparel company tried to back out of its 15-year deal with the school earlier in the summer.

Kelly's friendship with Knight isn't the only high-level connection the Bruins have with Nike. Andrew Campion, Nike's chief operating officer, received his bachelor's and master's in business degrees from UCLA.

Among other options, the Bruins could target Jordan Brand, a coveted offshoot of the Nike line, for their football and basketball teams while outfitting the rest of their teams in Nike apparel.

UCLA men's basketball coach Mick Cronin recently acknowledged the potential appeal of a Nike partnership, noting that players given free gear with another company continued to covet what they considered the hipper brand.

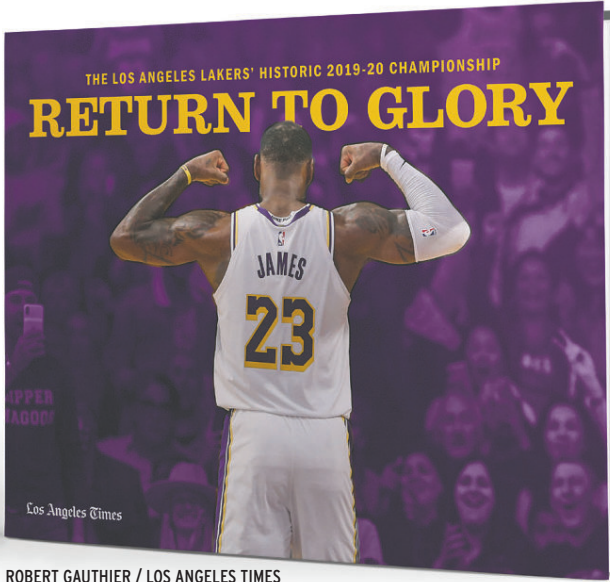
"You know these kids, they've got them," Cronin said. "You'd think, why would they spend a dime on sneakers? But they do."

Etc.

Kelly said redshirt senior defensive lineman Steven Mason was being quarantined after coming in contact with somebody outside the team who tested positive for COVID-19. UCLA announced later in the day that it had zero positive results from the 1,293 tests it administered the previous week. ... Junior running back Martell Irby remained day to day in his recovery from a knee injury, Kelly said, and redshirt junior defensive lineman Martin Andrus Jr. still was limited to individual drills while returning from a knee injury he had last year.

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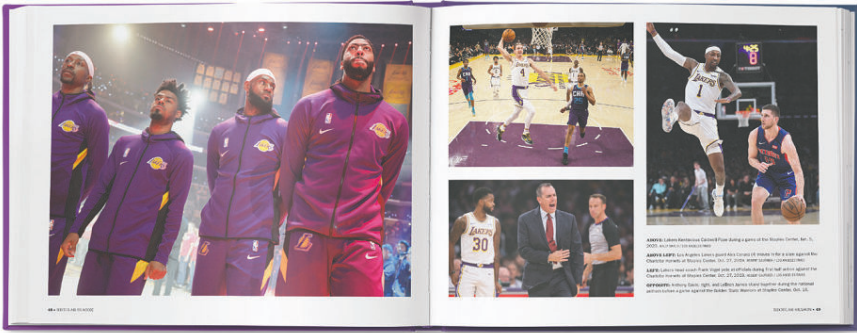
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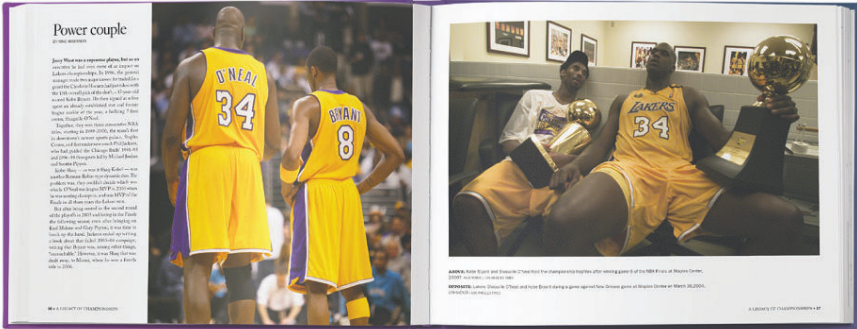
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Saturday TV Highlights



DAVID LEE

DIRECTOR SPIKE LEE'S 2020 adaptation of the Broadway show“David Byrne’s American Utopia.”

SERIES

California Cooking With Jessica Holmes This new episode of the local culinary series visits Mirame, L.A.’s newest modern Mexican restaurant. 7:30 p.m. CW

Homestead Rescue: Surviving the Wild Marty attempts a dangerous river crossing to move thousands of pounds of gear needed for the rescue of the family homestead. 8 p.m. Discovery

Help, I Wrecked My House Armed with some construction experience, a man convinces his partner he can tackle their remodeling projects — but three months later the work is not complete. 8 p.m. HGTV

Saturday Night Live Issa Rae hosts this new episode of the late-night sketch comedy series and Justin Bieber is the musical guest. 8:29 and 11:32 p.m. NBC

Drugs, Inc.: The Fix This new episode documents how prescription pills have become the narcotics of choice in the U.S. 9 p.m. National Geographic

Mega Zoo An orangutan destroys his playroom. Also, zookeepers must decide if it’s time to say goodbye to one of the zoo’s giraffes. 10 p.m. Animal Planet

Eli Roth’s History of Horror This new episode documents the history of monster movies and the development of special effects technology. 10 p.m. AMC

SPORTS

College Football Clemson visits Georgia Tech, 9 a.m. ABC; Kansas visits West Virginia, 9 a.m. Fox; Auburn visits South Carolina, 9 a.m. ESPN; Cincinnati visits Tulsa, 9 a.m. ESPN2; Liberty visits Syracuse, 9 a.m. FS Prime; Western Kentucky visits Alabama-Birmingham, 10:30 a.m. Fox Sports Net; Louisville visits Notre Dame, 11:30 a.m. NBC; UCF visits Memphis, 12:30 p.m. ABC; Duke visits NC State, 12:30 p.m. FS Prime; Texas A&M visits Mississippi State, 1 p.m. ESPN; Massachusetts visits Georgia Southern, 1 p.m. ESPN2; North Carolina visits Florida State, 4:30 p.m. ABC; Southern Mississippi visits Texas-El Paso, 4:30 p.m. ESPN2; Georgia visits Alabama, 5 p.m. CBS

Baseball NLCS Game 6 (if necessary): The Atlanta Braves versus the Dodgers, 1:30 p.m. FS1

SATURDAY TALK SHOWS

Good Morning America (N) 7 a.m. KABC

SUNDAY TALK SHOWS

CBS News Sunday Morning (N) 6 a.m. KCBS

Good Morning America (N) 6 a.m. KABC

State of the Union With Jake Tapper Lara Trump, Trump campaign. Sen. Chris Coons (D-Del.). Gov. JB Pritzker (D-Ill.). Author Fareed Zakaria (“Ten Lessons for a Post-Pandemic World”). (N) 6 and 9 a.m.; 8 p.m. CNN

Fox News Sunday With Chris Wallace Jason Miller, Trump campaign. Pete Buttigieg, Biden campaign. Alan Alda. Panel: Karl Rove; Catherine Lucey, the Wall Street Journal; author Bob Woodward, “Rage.” (N) 7 a.m. KTTV; 11 a.m., 4 and 11 p.m. FNC

Fareed Zakaria GPS Foreign policy in a Biden administration: Antony Blinken, Biden campaign. The economy: Former Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers. Understanding Judge Amy Coney Barrett: Author Emily Bazelon (“Charged: The New Movement to Transform American Prosecution and End Mass Incarceration”); author Noah Feldman (“The Three Lives of James Madison: Genius, Partisan, President”). (N) 7 and 10 a.m. CNN

Sunday Morning Futures With Maria Bartiromo Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.). Rep. Devin Nunes (R-Tulare). Sen. Kelly Loeffler (R-Ga.). Don Trump Jr. Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-Bakersfield). (N) 7 a.m. FNC

Face the Nation (N) 7:30 a.m. KCBS

Meet the Press (N) 8 a.m. and 1:30 a.m. KNBC; 1 a.m. MSNBC

This Week With George Stephanopoulos Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-San Francisco). RNC chair Ronna McDaniel. Panel: Chris Christie; Rahm Emanuel; Yvette Simpson; Sarah Isgur. (N) 8 a.m. and 2 a.m. KABC

Reliable Sources With Brian Stelter A reporter’s road trip across America’s battleground states reveals a nation plagued by misinformation: Charlotte Alter, Time. The source of the New York Post’s “smoking-gun” story: Anne Applebaum, the Atlantic; Noah Shachtman, Daily Beast; Yochai Benkler, Harvard. This moment in American history: Andrew Sullivan. (N) 8 a.m. CNN

MediaBuzz Gillian Turner; Juan Williams; Emily Compagno; Griff Jenkins; Hogan Gidley, Trump campaign. (N) 8 a.m. FNC

60 Minutes Russian opposition leader Alexey Navalny. (N) 7 p.m. KCBS

MOVIES

David Byrne’s American Utopia Spike Lee directed this film version of the critically acclaimed Broadway production. Former Talking Heads frontman David Byrne leads an ensemble cast of musicians from around the world. The movie invites audiences to enter a joyous dream world where human connection and social justice are paramount. 8 p.m. HBO

The Wrong Cheerleader Coach After her mother dies a teenager moves with her father from Chicago to California, seeking a fresh start. After she joins the school’s cheerleading squad a young new assistant coach helps her, but has ulterior motives. Vivica A. Fox, Tara Reid, Corin Nemec, Madi Burton and Johanna Liauw star in this 2020 drama. 8 p.m. Lifetime

Sweet Returns When a successful entrepreneur (Nikki DeLoach) returns to her hometown for the reading of her late aunt’s will she learns she has inherited half of her aunt’s maple candy business. To her surprise the other half has been left to a man (Andrew Walker) who is equally puzzled by his inheritance. Henriette Ivanans costars in this 2020 romance. 9 p.m. Hallmark

The Gentlemen Guy Ritchie wrote and directed this 2019 action comedy about an American marijuana kingpin (Matthew McConaughey) who has relocated in England and is trying to sell his business. Charlie Hunnam, Henry Golding, Michelle Dockery, Jeremy Strong, Eddie Marsan, Hugh Grant and Colin Farrell also star. 9 p.m. Showtime

Tales From the Hood 3 This third horror anthology collaboration from writer-directors Rusty Cundieff and Darin Scott gets a release on cable and home video as the pandemic continues to complicate theatrical distribution. Tony Todd stars as a man in his 50s who is trying to outrun an unseen evil with a 6-year-old girl (Sage Arrindell). Lynn Whitfield and Cooper Huckabee also star. 9 p.m. Syfy

Saturday, October 17, Prime-time: Broadcast

	7:30 pm	8:00 pm	8:30 pm	9:00 pm	9:30 pm	10:00 pm	10:30 pm	11:00 pm	11:30 pm
CBS	College Football (Live) (5) 📺	Chargers HQ	Inside Edition Weekend (TVPG) 📺	Entertainment Tonight	Britney Spears’ conservatorship showdown. (N) 📺	Tunnel to Towers		News 📺	Family Feud (TVPG) (11:35) 📺
NBC	Weakest Link (TVPG) 📺		Saturday Night Live (TV14) Host Issa Rae; Justin Bieber performs. (N) (8:29) 📺			Saturday Night Live (TV14) 📺		News 📺	Saturday Night Live 📺
CW	California Cooking (N) 📺	Friends (TVPG) 📺	Friends (TVPG) 📺	2 & 1/2 Men (TVPG) 📺	2 & 1/2 Men (TVPG) 📺	News 📺	Sports (N) (10:45) 📺	News 📺	Sports Final (N) (11:35) 📺
ABC	College Football (4:30)	News 📺	Jeopardy! (TVG) (N) 📺		Wheel of Fortune (N) 📺	News 📺		News 📺	Rams Coaches Show (11:45)
KCAL	California Bountiful	News 📺	News 📺			News 📺	Sports Central (N) 📺	black-ish (TVPG) 📺	black-ish (TVPG) 📺
FOX	Central Ave	The Masked Singer (TVPG)	I Can See Your Voice 📺			News 📺		Labor of Love (TV14) 📺	
MyNet	Extra (7) 📺	Weather Gone Viral (TVG)	Storm of Suspicion (TVPG)			King of Queens	King of Queens	Schitt’s Creek	Schitt’s Creek
KCET	Driving While Black: Race, Space and Mobility in America (6) 📺	Red, White and Rock (TVG) A 2002 patriotic celebration of America and pop oldies music, featuring artists from the rock, pop and doo-wop days of the 1950s to early mid-1960s. 📺				Rick Steves’ Tasty Europe (TVG) Food helps define cultures. 📺		POV (TVMA) Political activist Boniface Softie Mwangi decides to run for office after years of fighting injustice in Kenya. 📺	
UNIVISION	Fútbol Mexicano Primera División (N) (6:30) 📺			Una familia de diez 📺	Una familia de diez (N)	Nosotros los guapos 📺	Nosotros los guapos 📺	Noticias (N) 📺	Contacto deportivo 📺
KOCE	Southland Sessions (7)	Midsomer Murders (TVPG) Talking to the Dead. 📺							Austin City Limits (N) 📺
KDOC	News (N)	American Ninja Warrior 📺		American Ninja Warrior 📺		Wally George’s Hot Seat		Celebrity Page	Full Measure
KLCS	Start Up (TVG) 📺	To the Contrary With Bonnie Erbé	Firing Line Dr. Anthony Fauci. 📺	Kunta Kinteh Island An old British fortress renamed after an African captive. 📺		Thou Shalt Not Kill (TV14) Graziano Torri calls the police. 📺		Grantchester (TV14) A former nun is found dead. 📺	

Saturday, October 17, Prime-time: Premium Cable Channels

	7:30 pm	8:00 pm	8:30 pm	9:00 pm	9:30 pm	10:00 pm	10:30 pm	11:00 pm	11:30 pm
Cinemax	Warrior (TVMA) (7) 	Safe House ★★ (2012) Denzel Washington, Ryan Reynolds. After barely escaping an attack by mercenaries, a rookie agent and a renegade operative must join forces and figure out who wants them dead. (R) (7:50) 			The Recruit ★★ (2003) Al Pacino, Colin Farrell. A veteran CIA agent assigns his young protégé to find a mole within the organization. (PG-13) (9:45) 			Warrior (TVMA) (11:40) 	
Encore	Anger Management ★★ (2003) Adam Sandler, Jack Nicholson. A meek businessman clashes with an aggressive therapist after being ordered to undergo 20 hours of counseling. (PG-13) (7:12) 			That's My Boy ★ (2012) Adam Sandler, Andy Samberg. A groom's world comes crashing down when his estranged father — who is desperate to reconnect with his son — shows up on the eve of the young man's wedding. (R) 			Hellboy ★★★ (2004) Ron Perlman, John Hurt. (PG-13) 		
EPIX	Star Trek: The Motion Picture (1979) (G) (5:45) 	Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan ★★★ (1982) William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy, Kirk, Spock and the Enterprise crew battle an old foe who blames Kirk for the death of his wife. (PG) 			Star Trek III: The Search for Spock ★★★ (1984) William Shatner, Kirk and the crew steal the old Enterprise and head for Vulcan to reunite the mind and body of Mr. Spock. 			Gemini Man ★★ (2019) Will Smith. (11:45) 	
HBO	Ford v Ferrari ★★ (2019) Matt Damon, Christian Bale. (PG-13) (5:20) 	David Byrne's American Utopia (2020) David Byrne. Singer David Byrne and a group of international musicians perform songs from the hit Broadway musical American Utopia. 			The Invisible Man ★★ (2020) Elisabeth Moss, Oliver Jackson-Cohen. After staging his own suicide, a crazed scientist uses his power to become invisible to stalk and terrorize his ex-girlfriend. When the police refuse to believe her story, she decides to take matters into her own hands and fight back. (R) (9:46) 				
Showtime	The Good Lord Bird (TVMA) A Wicked Plot. (7:15) 	The Best of All the Smoke With Matt Barnes and Stephen Jackson (N) 		The Gentlemen ★★ (2020) Matthew McConaughey, Charlie Hunnam. Mickey Pearson is an American expatriate who became rich by building a marijuana empire in London. When word gets out that he's looking to cash out of the business, it soon triggers an array of plots and schemes from lowlifes who want his domain. (R) 			21 Bridges ★★ (2019) Chadwick Boseman, Sienna Miller. An embattled NYPD detective joins a citywide manhunt for two cop killers. (R) 		
Starz	The Amazing Spider-Man ★★ (2012) Andrew Garfield. (PG-13) (5:41) 	In The Long Run (TV14) Walter sets up an interview for Valentine. 	Along Came Polly ★★ (2004) Ben Stiller, Jennifer Aniston. A man finds solace with another woman after his wife cheats on him during their honeymoon. (PG-13) (8:26) 		The Spanish Princess (TVMA) Camelot. Spanish princess Catherine of Aragon navigates the royal lineage of England. 			Men in Black ★★ (1997) Tommy Lee Jones, Will Smith. A veteran agent and a rookie protect mankind from dangerous extraterrestrials roaming the Earth. 	
TMC	The Captive ★★ (2014) Ryan Reynolds, Rosario Dawson. Eight years after a child disappeared without a trace, detectives find disturbing clues that indicate that the girl is still alive. (R) (7) 			Tone-Deaf (2019) Robert Patrick, Amanda Crew. After a string of bad relationships and work failures, Olive leaves for a weekend in the country, only to discover the shocking dark underbelly of rural America. (R) 			The Young Cannibals (2019) Megan Purvis. Seven friends are tricked into eating burgers made of human flesh. 		

Saturday, October 17, Prime-time: Cable News Channels

	7:30 pm	8:00 pm	8:30 pm	9:00 pm	9:30 pm	10:00 pm	10:30 pm	11:00 pm	11:30 pm
Bloomberg	Paid Program 	Bloomberg Wall Street Week (TVG) (N) 		Daybreak: Middle East (N) 		Paid Program 	Bloomberg Studio 1.0	Bloomberg ETF IQ Europe	2020 Year of Crisis
CNBC	Undercover Boss	Undercover Boss (TVPG) 		Undercover Boss (TV14) 		Undercover Boss (TVPG) 		Paid Program	Paid Program
CNN	Special Report (7) 			Special Report 			Newsroom (N) 		
CSPAN	Campaign (7)	Public Affairs Events (7:58)		Campaign 2020 		Public Affairs Events		Public affairs events. (9:56) 	
CSPAN2	After Words	Jared Yates Sexton		Chris Whipple, The Spymasters		Sunny Hostin		Call-in With Diamond and Silk	
Fox B	Scandalous: Clintons (7) 	Scandalous: The Clintons		Scandalous: The Clintons		Scandalous: The Clintons		The Twisted World of Jeffrey Epstein	
Fox News	Greg Gutfeld	Watters' World 		Justice With Judge Jeanine		Greg Gutfeld 		Watters' World 	
MSNBC	American Voices: Alicia Menendez (7)	The Week With Joshua Johnson 		The Week With Joshua Johnson 		Dateline Extra (TVPG) (N) 		Dateline (TV14) 	
SN-1	News	News	News	News		News		News	

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A&E	The First 48	The First 48 (TV14) 📺		Live Rescue (TV14) (N) 📺				The First 48 (TV14) 📺	
AMC	Halloween H20: 20 Years Later (6)	Halloween ★★★ (1978) Donald Pleasence. John Carpenter's chiller about an escaped maniac who returns to his Illinois hometown to continue his bloody rampage. (R) 📺				Eli Roth's History of Horror (TVMA) Monsters; special effects. (N) 📺		Cursed Films (N) 📺	Halloween 4: The Return of Michael Myers
Animal P	Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet	Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet (TVPG)		Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet (TVPG) (N)		Mega Zoo Orangutan Malu destroys his playroom. (N)		The Secret Life of the Zoo (N)	
BBC A	Planet Earth: The Blue Planet (7) 📺	Planet Earth: The Blue Planet (TVG) 📺		Planet Earth: The Blue Planet (TVG) Predators utilize marshes created by tides. 📺		Planet Earth: The Blue Planet Breeding forces animals to come onto land; eagles. 📺		Planet Earth: The Blue Planet (TVPG) 📺	
BET	A Madea Christmas ★ (2013) Tyler Perry, Kathy Najimy. (PG-13) (7) 📺				Madea's Family Reunion ★★ (2006) Tyler Perry, Blair Underwood. (PG-13) 📺				
Bravo	Fast & Furious ★★ (2009) Vin Diesel, Paul Walker. (PG-13) (7:41) 📺					Fast & Furious ★★ (2009) Vin Diesel. (PG-13) (9:46) 📺			
CMT	Coyote Ugly (5:30) 📺	Grease ★★★ (1978) John Travolta, Olivia Newton-John. Nice Sandy and greaser Danny try to be like each other in their 1950s high school. (PG) 📺				Coyote Ugly ★ (2000) Piper Perabo, Adam Garcia. (PG-13) 📺			
Comedy	Bruce Almighty (6) 📺	Dumb & Dumber ★★★ (1994) Jim Carrey, Jeff Daniels. An inept dog groomer and a limousine driver chase the latter's dream girl cross country. 📺				Joe Dirt ★ (2001) David Spade, Dennis Miller. (PG-13) 📺			
Discovery	Homestead Rescue (7)	Homestead Rescue: Surviving the Wild (TVPG) (N) 📺				Building Off the Grid (TVG) 📺		Building Off the Grid (TVG) 📺	
Disney	Trolls (2016) (PG) (6:25)	Big City Greens (TVY7)	Amphibia (TVY7) 📺	Mickey Mouse (TVG) 📺	Toy Story of Terror! 📺	Amphibia Animated.	Amphibia Animated.	Twitches ★★★ (2005) Tia Mowry, Tamara Mowry. 📺	
E!	The Devil Wears Prada ★★★ (2006) Meryl Streep, Anne Hathaway. (PG-13) (7) 📺				The Devil Wears Prada ★★★ (2006) Meryl Streep, Anne Hathaway. (PG-13) 📺				
Food	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives (TVG) 📺	Outrageous Pumpkins (TVG) Seven carvers must master the classic jack-o'-lantern. 📺		Outrageous Pumpkins (TVG) 📺		Outrageous Pumpkins (TVG) Pumpkin carvers face a spooky structure challenge.		Outrageous Pumpkins (TVG) 📺	
Freeform	Hocus Pocus ★★ (1993) Bette Midler. Halloween trick-or-treaters come face to face with three witch sisters from the past in Salem, Mass. (7:45) 📺					Halloweentown ★★ (1998) Debbie Reynolds, Judith Hoag. (9:55) 📺			
FX	Skyscraper (2018) (6) 📺	Venom ★★ (2018) Tom Hardy, Michelle Williams. (PG-13) 📺					Fargo (TVMA) The Pretend War. 📺		
FX	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy
Hallmark	Bottled With Love (2019) Bethany Joy Lenz, Andrew W. Walker. (7) 📺			Sweet Autumn (2020) Nikki DeLoach, Andrew Walker. 📺			2020 Countdown to Christmas Preview Special 📺		
HGTV	Property Brothers (7)	Help! I Wrecked My House (N) 📺		Hidden Potential (TVG) (N) 📺		Hidden Potential (TVG) (N) 📺		Help! I Wrecked My House 📺	
History	Men Who Built America (6)	The Men Who Built America (TVPG) The steel and oil have forever changed the face of America. 📺					The Men Who Built America (TVPG) Even as new resources are harnessed, America changes. 📺		
IFC	Friday the 13th	Part III ★ (1982) Dana Kimmell. (R) 📺			Friday the 13th: The Final Chapter ★ (1984) (R) 📺			Friday the 13th	
Lifetime	Cheerleader Abduction (2020) (6) 📺	The Wrong Cheerleader Coach (2020) Vivica A. Fox, Tara Reid. 📺				The Wrong Cheerleader (2019) Vivica A. Fox, Cristine Proserpio. 📺			
MTV	Ridiculousness (TV14) 📺	Ridiculousness (TV14) 📺	Ridiculousness (TV14) 📺	Ridiculousness (TV14) 📺	Ridiculousness (TV14) 📺	Ridiculousness (TV14) 📺	Ridiculousness (TV14) 📺	Ridiculousness (TV14) 📺	Ridiculousness (TV14) 📺
Nat Geo	Drugs, Inc. (TV14) (7) 📺	Drugs, Inc.: The Fix (TV14) 📺		Drugs, Inc.: The Fix (TV14) (N) 📺		Drugs, Inc.: The Fix (TV14) 📺		Drugs, Inc.: The Fix (TV14) 📺	
Nickelodeon	Despicable Me (6) 📺	Unfiltered	Group Chat (TVG) (N) 📺	SpongeBob (9:05) 📺	SpongeBob Animated. 📺	Friends (TVPG) 📺	Friends (TVPG) 📺	Friends (TVPG) 📺	Friends (TVPG) 📺
OWN	Iyanla (7) 📺	Family or Fiancé (TV14) (N)		Black Love (TVPG) (N)		Black Love (TVPG) (N)		Family or Fiancé (TV14) (N)	
Paramount	Independence Day ★★★ (1996) Will Smith, Bill Pullman. (PG-13) (7) 📺					The Dark Knight ★★★ (2008) Christian Bale. (PG-13) 📺			
Sundance	A League of Their Own (5)		Erin Brockovich ★★★ (2000) Julia Roberts, Albert Finney. (R) 📺					Dear White People (2014) 📺	



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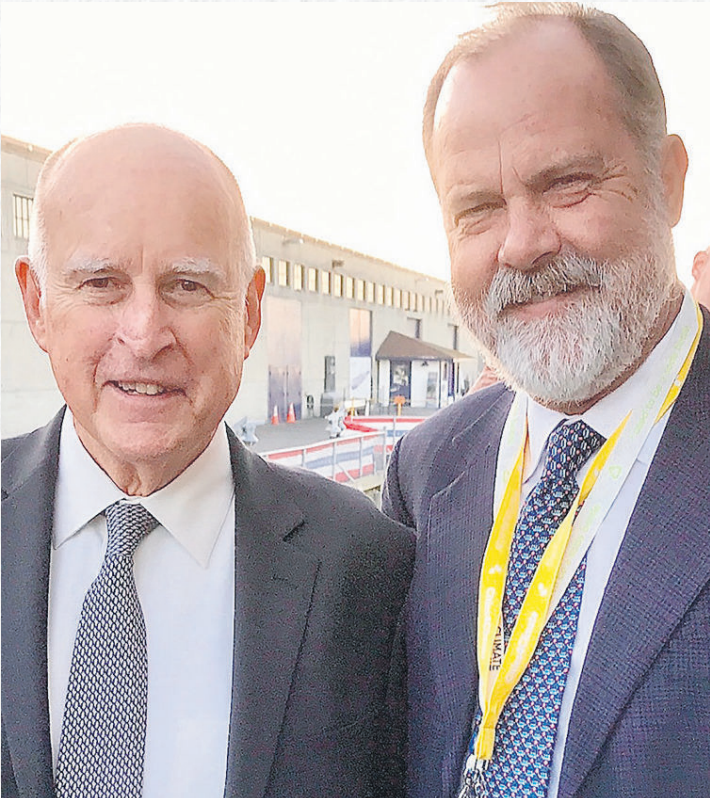
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When the happiest place on earth is closed

Disneyland fanatics are making magic at home with singalongs, costumes and more. **F4-5**



WITH LESS THAN three weeks until election day, it's time to decide your voting plan — and to figure out your outfit strategy for Nov. 3.

Just remember that before you get dressed to vote in person, you should check with your local or state board of elections to find out what can be worn to the polls.

In the Golden State, you must avoid electioneering, which is defined in the California elections code as “the visible display or audible dissemination of information that advocates for or against any candidate or measure on the ballot within 100 feet of a polling place, a vote center, an elections official’s office, or a satellite location.”

That means voters shouldn’t wear clothing or accessories displaying the name of their choice of candidate or their candidate’s likeness or logo within 100 feet of a polling place. This rule also applies to buttons, hats, signs and stickers containing information about candidates or issues on the ballot.

Just because there are sartorial rules, though, doesn’t mean you have to put off having personal style at the polls.

It’s unlikely you’ll get your hands on the Louis Vuitton “Vote” top from the Paris runway Oct. 6, but you have access to a slew of other fresh options to show your patriotism without being partisan this election cycle.

Los Angeles-based art director Michael Chesler made this point in an exceptionally bold way with his new accessories line, Flaunt the Vote, which includes statement earrings, scarves and pins ranging from \$7.50 to \$32.50.

“I don’t think we can afford to vote quietly anymore,” he said. “Apathy is out, and advocacy is in.”

Chesler pointed to low voter turnout for the presidential election in 2016 as inspiration for his punchy line, but this time is different. “You don’t need to convince people to notice that the country needs to change,” he said, adding that everyone needs to “understand why voting matters to them personally and why it matters to their family members, their neighbors, people around them, and how it actually affects other people. They need to embody it and celebrate it.”

Chesler isn’t alone in his sentiment.

“With it being an election year, it felt necessary,” Jacqueline Rezak, founder of Rad + Refined, said of her new vote-themed sunglasses.

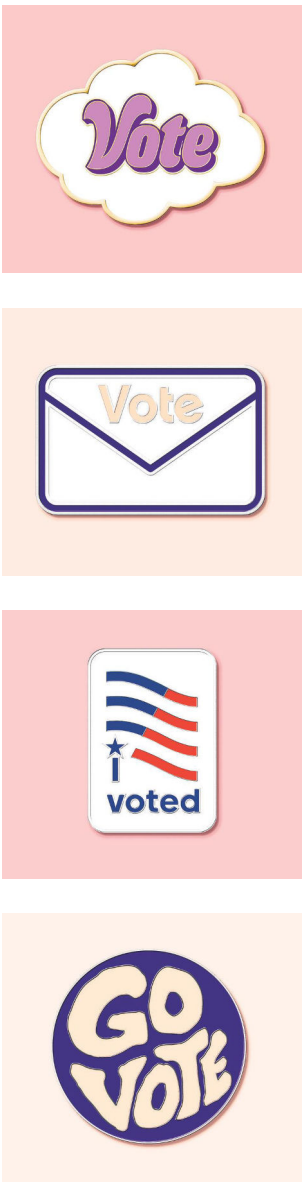
“Why not utilize fashion to help promote one’s voice?” she said. “I have a voice and I want to use it for positive change. If designing eyewear with the word ‘Vote’ on it gets even one more person to vote, then it will have been worth it.”

For those seeking a subtler look, SoCal footwear designer George Esquivel is launching his brand’s first weekend sneaker. One style will promote voting.

Esquivel’s vote-themed shoe will be released for the mid-October MSNBC premiere of the documentary “The Way I See It,” about Pete Souza, the chief official White House photographer for President Obama. The sneaker is simple and chic thanks to its white hand-distressed leather upper and rubber outsole. It’s also emblazoned with a hand-engraved “Vote” on one side and on the other side the wearer’s initials.

“It’s just subtle,” Esquivel said of his effortlessly cool design. “I think subtle always works.”

Want help putting together a voting look that’s all your own? Here are several items to wear through Nov. 3 to keep those political conversations flowing.



Flaunt the Vote

VOTING IS IN FASHION

CHECK OUT STYLISH OFFERINGS TO WEAR THIS ELECTION SEASON.

BY STACEY LEASCA



FLAUNT THE VOTE ACCESSORIES

Brought to you by Chesler, the accessories, including earrings and face coverings, are reserved for the bold. In red, white and blue, the oversize earrings (\$12.50 to \$28) make a statement, while the “vote” pins (\$7.50 to \$10) might invite plenty of conversation. Chesler is donating 40% of proceeds to pro-voting nonprofits. [Flauntthe.vote](#)

SHINOLA DETROLA WATCH

Check your voting time with the new red, white and blue I Voted Detrola watch from Shinola. The \$395 unisex timepiece, which launched in September in partnership with the L.A.-based nonpartisan organization I Am a Voter, is a “symbol of civic duty,” according to the Shinola website. Beyond the stock piece, the company has collaborated with Detroit-based fine-arts publisher 1xRun on 30 one-of-a-kind renditions of the I Voted watch on customized nylon straps by artist Alexander John. Shinola and 1xRun have pledged to donate \$3,000 (\$100 per custom watch) to the Detroit Pistons’ Get in the Game. Vote initiative. [Shinola.com](#)

POWER TO THE BALLOT TEES

Power to the Ballot launched just in time for the 2020 election cycle. The T-shirt company has teamed up with such artists as Laurie Berger of the Palo Alto-based Lauren Jane Studio on limited-run graphic tees. One hundred percent of sales will be donated to five nonprofits dedicated to increasing voter registration and turnout of underrepresented voters in swing states: Mi Familia Vota in Arizona, Black Voters Matter in Florida, Black Leaders Organizing for Communities in Wisconsin, Pennsylvania Stands Up and Detroit Action in Michigan. T-shirts are \$35 to \$75. [Powertotheballot.com](#)

TALENTLESS “VOTE” COLLECTION

Want to rock a head-to-toe look to the polls with Instagram-worthy flare? Then grab a

hoodie, T-shirt or mask from Scott Disick’s Talentless collection. The hoodie, \$129, comes in black, white or bone with the simple message of “Vote.” across the chest. It’s already been spotted on a few of Disick’s family members and famous friends, including Sofia Richie and Khloé Kardashian. [Talentless.co](#)

ESQUIVEL X SNEAKER

For a shoe you can wear now, election day and beyond, check out the footwear brand’s new Esquivel X shoe collection. The timeless leather kicks are meant to feel personal — just like the act of voting — and to evoke conversations with those who happen to notice the tiny word “vote” on the side. Get your custom pair for \$325; a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the nonpartisan organization Head Count, which helps register voters. [Esquivelshoes.com](#)

RAD + REFINED SUNGLASSES

Totally impractical yet totally awesome, Rad + Refined’s “Get Out and Vote” glasses come in blue, red and powder pink with the word “Vote” across the lenses in sparkling crystals. Pick up a pair for \$48 to truly stand out no matter where you wear them. [Radandrefined.com](#)

MARC JACOBS X DOVER STREET MARKET SWEATSHIRT

Dover Street Market has collaborated with designers to create unique pieces this election season. Among the is Marc Jacobs, whose label has designed a crewneck sweatshirt for anyone voting in cooler weather. The \$225 sweatshirt is part of DSM’s broader partnership with When We All Vote, a nonprofit and nonpartisan organization dedicated to increasing voter participation. All profits will be donated to When We All Vote. [Doverstreetmarket.com](#)



TALENTLESS’ “Vote.” hoodie.



Marc Jacobs



Esquivel

ESQUIVEL keeps its “Vote” message subtle.



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DRAT, THEIR HAPPY PLACE IS CLOSED

DISNEYLAND’S MOST ARDENT FANS CAN’T DROP IN FOR PARADES OR CHURROS, SO THEY’RE RE-CREATING THE MAGIC AT HOME

BY LISA BOONE

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IT HAS BEEN 217 days since Disneyland closed, and Stacey Major is struggling.

“I haven’t been to Disneyland in seven months,” said Major, a 32-year-old high school teacher. “This has been my longest stretch since 2012.”

She’s not alone. When the coronavirus pandemic forced the park to close in March, it left thousands of its fervent fans — annual passholders who spend \$400 to \$1,500 a year to visit the park on a weekly basis — without a beloved escape from reality.

“Being a single mom and a teacher means I have a lot of adult responsibilities,” said Major, who visited Disneyland at least once a month and even toured the park in a wheelchair when she was eight months pregnant. “I am a very Type A personality and can’t relax. For me, Disneyland is a stress release. It’s very freeing for me to be there for a day. I can watch parades and be with my friends and not feel any pressure.”

On Oct. 7, Gov. Gavin Newsom said that although Walt Disney Co. had laid off 28,000 domestic employees, he was in no rush to open California theme parks. A week later, Newsom said that he was sending a team to Dis-

ney World in Florida, as well as other theme parks, to learn what they are doing to prevent the spread of COVID-19 since reopening in July.

Against the backdrop of a pandemic, it’s easy to understand why people miss Disneyland. For more than 60 years, the theme park has been the ultimate social and fantasy experience. It evokes warm memories of simpler times and allows us to experience childlike thrills regardless of our age.

But now that many of us are working from home and self-quarantining, those thrills are difficult to find amid the fear of the coronavirus, economic distress and prolonged isolation.

For Disneyland enthusiasts, the thrill is gone. The park is closed. The magic is missing. How to keep going when the “Happiest Place on Earth” is closed?

“I’ve been watching videos of Disneyland parades on YouTube and crying,” Major said.

In other words, fans are coping by finding creative ways to keep the magic alive: consulting Disney-inspired cooking blogs, participating in Disneybound costume challenges on TikTok and Instagram, watching Disney+, hosting outdoor movie nights and stay-at-home Disney Days.

People miss theme parks because they produce “psychosocial engagement and it keeps us on a high and our blood pumping,” said Orange County certified life coach Anita Kanti, author of “Behaving Bravely: How to Mindshift Life’s Challenges.”

“Being surrounded by crowds is exciting and makes us feel like we are part of a group and a community,” she said. “It produces temporary endorphins and instills happiness that’s hard to replicate. Disneyland checks every box when it comes to human sensory needs and desires — the smells, tastes, sounds and experiences. You can get all of that in one environment.”

Still, for the tens of thousands of visitors who flocked to Disneyland every month, the park is more than just Mickey-shaped delectables, Pirates of the Caribbean and “Fantasmic!” fireworks. There are Dapper Days and swing dances. High school marching band performances. Birthday parties and anniversary celebrations. You can even get married at

Disneyland. (Scattering cremated ashes, a misdemeanor, is not allowed in the park, although it is rumored to be a popular covert activity.)

“Disneyland is a community,” said Cameron Keaggy, a 30-year-old Apple salesman who visited the Anaheim theme park 123 times last year. “The people are what makes it magical. Everyone loves Disneyland for different reasons — nostalgia and magic. At Disneyland, you are transported into a story. You become a part of the story.”

Before the park closed, Keaggy visited Disneyland three or four times a month. During quarantine, Keaggy has kept himself busy by making “Star Wars” videos (he is certified to represent the Storm Troopers as a member of the volunteer 501st Legion), hosting Disneyland trivia nights on Zoom, and transforming his backyard into a Jungle Cruise-meets-Adventureland hangout (think fire pit and bamboo fencing).

“Since we have to be home, why not bring some of the Disney magic here?” Keaggy asked.

Creating Disney magic extends to Disneybounding, a subtle costume trend of dressing like a Disney character using clothes from the closet. (Disneyland does not allow guests 14 and older to wear costumes.)

“It’s definitely a creative thing,” said Sophia Hotchkiss, who is 15 and loves to dress up as Stitch and Ariel, among other characters. “It’s a really cool way to express something that you love.”

Another Disneybinder, Lauren Gabourel, 29, showcases her outfits on her popular @dressesandcapes Instagram account. “It’s a creative outlet for me,” she said. “When I heard that the new Ariel would be a Black princess, I cosplayed her immediately. There is a very active Black nerd Disney community that I am a part of, and I am trying to inspire others. I want everyone to know that they can be a Disney princess. When I was growing up, I didn’t have that.”

For Gabourel, Disneyland is where she socializes with friends and decompresses after a stressful day at work.

“Normally, I would go at least once a week or twice a week,” she said. “On my way home from work, I’d often stop at the park and meet a friend. I miss the days of riding one ride, getting some popcorn and



a churro, and leaving after the fireworks. Just being there makes me feel safe and happy. I attribute that to the cast members.”

Gabourel said Disney employees, among the most cherished talent pool in the service industry, contribute to the park’s enchantment. “They are the magic makers,” she said as she fondly recalled the time a cast member performing as Jack Skellington gave her an Honorary Citizen of Disney badge.

“It’s something they hand out when people are representing Disney in a positive way,” she explained. “It is so heartwarming to be seen as part of the Disney community. The relationships that you make with other people are amazing. It’s a beautiful community.”

Because cast members are “on the front lines,” Gabourel said she understands why the park is closed. “I would prefer that people are safe,” she said. “I was worried about them.”

PARENTS MAY BE unable to pull off weekend trips to Disneyland during the pandemic, but that doesn’t mean that they can’t bring Disneyland home. Creating new ways to pretend and play, Kanti said, can help kids who are companionless and sequestered at home with their parents. “If we teach our children that it’s a time to innovate, that tells them that good things are coming. I think what we have to do is step back and realize that we have other choices to help us manage our anxiety and still have fun.”

High school teacher Blaine Corlew, 40, started to see the negative effects of the quarantine on his family after months of juggling work, distance learning and parenting. He decided to create Disney Days at home as a way to add fun to his family’s stay-at-home routine.

“I put together a Disney playlist and found all of the parades and fireworks shows that I could think of on YouTube,” he said. “I used the Disney food blog and made eggs benedict and ham and hash browns just like at the Carnation Cafe. For a snack, I made banyan beef skewers and churro bites and Monte Cristo sandwiches from the Blue Bayou. We found Mickey ice cream bars at Target. We would wear our Mickey Mouse ears, and our daughter would wear her costumes.”

Kanti views Corlew’s Disney Days concept as the “social bridging” we all need in uncertain times. “Keep in mind that while we are social distancing, we have to make a commitment to social bridging with others,” she said. “We need to continue to make plans for the future and create opportunities for joy and purposeful work. It shifts you from a victim mentality to one of empowerment.”

Added Corlew: “We need to be fun parents right now.”

As the single father of two daughters, 10 and 17, Tony Tirado misses having Disneyland as something to look forward to.

“It was a wonderful activity for us,” said Tirado, who works as a personal trainer and visited the park at least twice a month. “It’s a fun thing for us to plan ahead. It’s a distraction, and it brings us joy and allows for family time. You can get so busy working, and the family time you share becomes limited. Disneyland allows

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you to connect and be a kid again.”

Tirado laughed as he pointed out that “acting like a kid” also means being able to demonstrate vulnerability in front of your children. “My dad is scared of Goofy’s Sky School,” said Tirado’s younger daughter, Sofia. “It goes too fast for him.”

Brianna Simpson knows that if things were different, she would be eating corn dogs on Main Street, cracking jokes with cast member Dr. Facilier and creating content for her Eat See Magic online platform.

She started her Instagram and vlog because she did not see a lot of Black creatives who looked like her. But during the last few months, Simpson said her community has grown as a family. “We do movie-night events and not just for people of color. It’s for everyone. Disney is a big melting pot for me. I want to spread joy to others who can’t travel here.”

Recently, she recorded a freestyle rap, “I Miss Disneyland,” for its 65th anniversary and co-hosted a food challenge on Instagram that combined Disneybounding with dishes from specific movies.

Despite pressure from company officials as well as politicians and the tourism industry, no one knows when visitors will be able to return to Disneyland.

Even so, fans know that the magic of Disneyland can continue as long as, to quote Walt Disney, “there is imagination left in the world.”

“It’s an adjustment, but we all have to make adjustments right now,” Simpson said. “I can’t wait to get on the Indiana Jones Adventure ride again, but until things return to normal, I’ll just have to keep the magic of Disneyland alive at home.”

SHUT OUT
of their beloved Disneyland are superfans Brianna Simpson, clockwise from top left, Stacey Major, Cameron Keaggy and Sofia Tirado with her father, Tony.



SAN SIMEON, Calif. — One recent morning, a dozen Barbary sheep started to shamble across the main road to Hearst Castle, then stopped in the middle.

And why not? They hadn't seen a loaded tour bus on that road since March.

As the state wages a seesaw battle against the coronavirus, the castle's keepers confront the challenge of reopening a historic site that depends on bus transportation and has no air filtration system. Nobody is sure when California's most famous mansion will reopen, including Dan Falat, superintendent of the California State Parks district that includes the castle.

The castle stands about 230 miles northwest of Los Angeles, halfway to San Francisco, a location that helped, until now, make it a prime tourist attraction for decades.

At its Roman Pool, where 1,800 tourists per day no longer pass by, the freshly scrubbed tiles have never looked bluer. In most of the compound's 165 artifact-filled rooms, there's less dust than usual — because, as curator Toby Selyem explained, there aren't visitors shedding dead skin as they shuffle past.

The castle's museum director, Mary Levkoff, retired in July with no successor named so far.

Another awkward detail about the castle: "We happen to be in the middle of our 100th anniversary right now," said Falat, sounding like a groom whose bride has run off with the caterer. "We were actually getting ready to kick it off in April."

But like millions of other homeowners who have been filling their pandemic days with long-postponed household projects, the team on the Hearst Castle hilltop has a long list of chores.

Workers are trying to revive and clone an ailing oak tree, to replace rusted iron with stainless steel wherever possible, to power-wash tiles, to pluck ash from pool filters.

They're also trying to calculate how many COVID-era tourists can safely fit on a 54-seat bus — perhaps 13? maybe 27? — and how many can stand in the grand Assembly Room where publishing magnate William Randolph Hearst once rubbed shoulders with Winston Churchill, Charlie Chaplin, Greta Garbo, Harpo Marx, Joan Crawford and Cecil Beaton.

Others are building new web content, placing plexiglass partitions at visitor center ticket windows and attacking projects that would be difficult or impossible with tourists underfoot.

The traditional museum challenge of balancing preservation and access is now a three-way endeavor: preservation versus access versus public health. (So far, none of Hearst Castle's more than 100 employees has been laid off, Falat said, and fewer than five have tested positive for the coronavirus.)

The castle is really a 127-acre compound of buildings dominated by Casa Grande, the principal residence, whose exterior resembles a cathedral that's been smuggled out of southern Europe. Clustered around it are three guest houses; two pools; extensive gardens and tennis courts, all surrounded by the blond hills and stately oaks of the 80,000-acre Hearst Ranch, still owned by Hearst Corp.

Here's a sampling of what photographer Francine Orr and I found beyond the gates.

Dawdling sheep

The visitor center is just off California 1. In normal times, 16 tour buses roll up and down the steep, 7-mile road between the visitor center and the castle complex, with two departures every 10 minutes in peak hours.

Now the buses sit idle at the bottom of the hill while the sheep, which

prefer the high country, cross the road at will.

The animals, a North African species known as an aoudad, are descended from early occupants of Hearst's private zoo. The same goes for the zebra, elk and several other species that roam the ranch lands.

Since the pandemic, "you definitely see them a little bit more now in the road," Falat said. "They have a little bit more carte blanche."

Pool chores

At the Roman Pool — the spectacularly tiled indoor space that is the

last stop on most tours — workers have partially drained the water, pressure-washed areas that hadn't been cleaned since the 1980s, re-plastered here and there, repaired glass mosaic tiles and set about replacing rusty iron railing with stainless steel sleeves.

The room's eroded cork ceiling tiles still need repairing and resealing, a tricky job because the tennis courts are just above. But the blue room, dusted with gold leafing and empty of visitors, shimmers like a mirage.

Outside at the Neptune Pool, where marble

statues are gathered like a weekend retreat of Greek and Roman gods, it's been two years since workers finished a four-year leak-sealing project. But the nearby Dolan wildfire in September sent so much ash into the air (and then into the pool water) that workers had to double or triple their scheduled cleanings of the filter system.

A quieted carillon

On a normal day, the castle's 36 carillon bells ring at noon, transmitting a pop or classical melody from a player piano in Casa Grande.

Not now. Because no visitors are on hand to listen, restoration specialist Ernie Riley climbed into the towers that house the bells and retrieved assorted carillon parts.

"Installed in 1932. They came from Belgium," said castle historian Amy Hart, looking over several bells and related bits.

They bore the scars from 88 years in wet coastal air, so Riley was sand-blasting some parts and coating others with rust-resistant paints. And what, he was asked, about the rusty metal crowns

above the bells. "We'll change that over to bronze," he said.

Bedroom blush

Meanwhile in a bedroom of the Casa del Sol guest house, museum technician Nicole Caldwell played a flashlight beam on the face of a sculpted child on a wall next to the fireplace. This was a recent project of conservator Gary Hulbert.

"Before Gary started cleaning this, you couldn't see the blush in the cheeks," Caldwell said.

Maintaining that renewed blush will be another challenge. The buildings, constructed in the 1920s and 1930s and protected as historic resources, have no air-purification or air-conditioning systems.

To protect the roughly 25,000 pieces of art and artifacts inside, the staff must rely on humidifiers, dehumidifiers, fans, doors and windows, which they adjust more or less constantly to keep humidity near 50%, to keep temperatures between 68 and 70, and to keep ash out during wildfires.

"That's it?" said Caldwell, hearing the 25,000 figure. "Seems like so much more when you're dusting."

The man, the myth

William Randolph Hearst, who inherited a mining fortune and built a publishing empire, launched his planning for the estate in 1919, after his mother's death in the flu epidemic of 1918.

He spent more than 25 years acquiring items, drawing and redrawing plans with architect Julia Morgan.

The result, many experts have said, is a vast but disparate collection of European art and artifacts from many eras and locales, displayed cheek by jowl.

"It was a fantasy project," said James Allen, public relations director of the castle.

Atop a 17th century Italian dining table set for 22 in the Refectory, Hearst liked to keep bottles of Heinz ketchup and French's mustard at the ready. So they remain.

Whether you consider this castle the realm of an unpretentious potentate or the kingdom of kitsch, it made for many entertaining weekends. Hearst usually shared host duties with his longtime mistress, actress Marion Davies, while his wife, Millicent, remained in New York.

When he left his castle in 1947 for the last time because of health troubles, Hearst still viewed it as incomplete.

He died in 1951. Seven years later, Hearst Corp. donated the hilltop and the 2-acre visitor center site to the state. Since then, more than 40 million tourists have come and gone.

It is a new-money outsider's rebellion against old-money East Coast habits, a public park that was once a private residence, a haven where the elite played tennis and watched movies while much of America suffered through the Great Depression.

The next move

Before the pandemic, the castle was open 362 days per year, with four main tours offered at \$25 and up for adults.

About 650,000 visitors passed through last year, which made the castle one of the top earners in the state park system.

Getting the castle open again "really boils down to the movement of people," Falat said.

As soon as state and county officials are satisfied that the pandemic is under control and new procedures are safe enough, Falat said, he'll swing open those gates and resume the centennial celebration.

Still, it's possible some of the castle keepers will look back wistfully upon these days.

"It's easier without people," whispered Caldwell, tongue in cheek. "I can make sassy comments while I'm cleaning the marble nudes."



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FIXING UP THE CASTLE

IN THE PANDEMIC'S STILLNESS, HEARST STAFFERS FOCUS ON DETAILS

BY CHRISTOPHER REYNOLDS



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HEARST CASTLE, high above California 1 in San Simeon, Calif., is closed to visitors, but chores are plentiful in Casa Grande, its dining hall, and the spectacularly tiled indoor Roman Pool.



MONEY MATTERS

Right time to get away

‘SECRET SEASON’ IS FILLED WITH FALL TRAVEL BARGAINS.

BY ROSEMARY MCCLURE



I need a break. And you do too.

After a summer spent hiding inside the house to avoid pestilence, scorching temperatures and soot-filled air, we crave liberation and escape.

The good news: We’re entering the Secret Season, the answer to a frustrated traveler’s prayers. It offers bargains, uncrowded destinations and mild temperatures. It’s the ideal time to take a drive and get away from it all for a few days.

We’ve targeted three out-of-state (but relatively close) destinations where tourism is at low ebb this time of year, making it easier to socially distance. If you’re nervous about staying in a hotel, check out the websites of places you’re considering to read about their COVID-19 safety protocols, then make a phone call to find out more. Some people pack disinfecting cleaning supplies to be on the safe side.

Then grab your gear and hit the road.

Scottsdale, Ariz.

Our first pick is a big proponent of the Secret Season, which lasts through December. Locals in this resort town say fall offers some of the best weather of the year, ideal for hiking and other outdoor activities.

When you visit, take an easy drive two hours north of Scottsdale to see fall’s vibrant colors in Sedona, where the reds and golds of the season complement the red rock landscape.

You’ll find some of the nation’s top resorts in Scottsdale, where the nightly room rate often tops \$1,000 during the spring season. But during the

Secret Season, you’ll find 60%-off deals at some high-end resorts. Others have BOGO — buy-one-get-one-free deals — or three-nights-for-the-price-of-two specials.

Hotel Adeline: If you like Mid-century Modern, you’ll love sleek and stylish Hotel Adeline, a boutique newcomer in Old Town Scottsdale. The 215-room, pet-friendly hotel had a \$13-million makeover and now sports a restaurant and a lively pool with bar and cabanas. Rates start at \$116 per night.

Hotel Valley Ho: Anytime is martini time at the oh-so-hip Hotel Valley Ho in downtown Scottsdale, where the pool is shaped like a martini glass, complete with an olive. This iconic Midcentury Modern hotel has a “Slip Into Fall Deal” that includes a \$50 daily hotel credit and a bottle of wine, with rates from \$240 a night.

Sanctuary Camelback Mountain Resort & Spa: This award winner, in neighboring Paradise Valley, isn’t near downtown shops or restaurants but it has panoramic views and offers a great place to escape, relax and unwind. Hike, bike or run on the many trails near the resort. Secret Season visitors from California can take advantage of a “Welcome, Neighbors” special (booking code PROCA3) that allows guests to stay for free on their third night. Rates from \$373 per night.

Fairmont Scottsdale Princess: Get a BOGO deal this fall at Scottsdale Princess, one of Arizona’s top resorts. With 65 acres, this Fairmont hotel has much to offer, including a top-

rated spa, four golf courses and six pools. It’s a longtime winner of AAA’s Five Diamond award and also scores a high fun-factor rating with guests for its rip-roaring water slides. The resort’s “Stay Close” package is a BOGO opportunity for guests — stay one night, get the second night free — through Dec. 29. Rates from \$365 per night.

Lake Tahoe

How long has it been since you’ve seen this spellbinding lake shimmer in the sunlight? Visit during the Secret Season and your bonus may be catching sight of fall color. Lake Tahoe, one of the nation’s deepest and highest-elevation lakes (at 6,245 feet), is about an eight-hour drive from L.A. The route can be boring (Interstate 5 north to Sacramento to Interstate 80 east) or scenic on Highway 395, which will take you along the eastern spine of the High Sierra.

Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe Resort: This waterfront hotel and casino in North Lake Tahoe wants you to be healthy. That’s why it has a new menu of wellness activities, hikes and adventures. You can meditate, join a “Paint and Sip” art class or enroll in a boot camp with cardio and strength-training exercises designed to help guests prepare for the snow sport season. Rates from \$148 per night. (Email tahoeadventures@hyatt.com for details.)

Ritz-Carlton, Lake Tahoe: The Secret Season rates special attention at the Ritz-Carlton, which advertises that it’s the ideal time to enjoy mountain activities surrounded by colorful Lake Tahoe foliage. Activ-

ities include hiking to lakes and along the Tahoe Rim Trail and mountain stargazing programs. Rates from \$254 per night.

Las Vegas

You may be wondering why we included Las Vegas in this compilation of getaway trips. Didn’t we say we were focusing on places where visitor traffic was slow? Yes, and that’s definitely Vegas. Its Strip and downtown hotels had an occupancy rate of nearly 89% last summer. This summer the rate was 42%. So if you want to be lonely — as lonely as it can get in Vegas — this is the time to go.

Less is more right now in the city, where trade show and convention traffic is at a standstill. Most hotels are offering midweek promotions, with some weekend deals too.

Caesars Palace: Not only will you find bargains here, Caesars hotels now allow cancellations up to 24 hours before check-in. That’s a nice change. This ballyhooed casino and hotel is offering standard rooms from \$94 per night, or try the “Suite Escape” deal that starts at \$119 a night midweek for rooms that often sell for three times as much. (Book by Oct. 26 for travel through August 2021.) Or stay three nights for \$240. (Sundays-Thursdays; book by Nov. 2 for dates through Dec. 24.)

Other deals in the Neon Capital of the World:

You can say *Bonjour* to Paris Las Vegas for just \$49 a night midweek (from \$95 on Saturdays) or *Ciao!* to the swanky Venetian from \$112 weekdays and \$202 weekends. Check VisitLasVegas.com to see other deals.

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NEAR MONTECITO, this 20-acre property, complete with a regulation polo field, will be auctioned next month. It had an asking price of \$55 million earlier this year.



27560 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
\$125,000,000 | 7 Bed | 10 Bath

With generous space, luxurious furnishings, guesthouse, pool, and panoramic ocean vistas, this chic Malibu residence is gated, with a guardhouse, on over 2.9 acres with approximately 256 feet of beach frontage. Stairs and funicular to cabana; steps to sandy beach, with huge wood deck for beachside entertaining. Ample parking. Malibu lifestyle at its best.



31118 BROAD BEACH ROAD
\$100,000,000 | 5 Bed | 14 Bath

Once in a Lifetime: Thai-inspired oasis on more than 1 acre with approx. 117 of beachfront, lush tropical gardens & panoramic ocean views. Grounds feature mature palms, saltwater pool, glass-enclosed seating areas, fire pit, beach path, two-car garage, motor court, ample parking. A legacy estate on one of Malibu's most iconic beaches.



24834 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
\$65,000,000 | 5 Bed | 8 Bath

With breathtaking views, Bali-inspired design, and every contemporary comfort, this magnificent estate is a serene sanctuary for exquisite living and impressive entertaining. The private, gated property of over 1.2 acres extends from PCH to Malibu Road, perfectly landscaped and commanding expansive ocean views.



33256 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
\$65,000,000 | 3 Bed | 4 Bath

Set on a deep lot with 212 feet of spectacular ocean frontage and expansive views, this dramatic contemporary residence combines up-to-the-minute technology with a classical appreciation for materials, structure, and sight lines. Designed by Guy Dreier, an architect of international renown, this Western Malibu home is a livable sculpture.



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33740 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
\$45,000,000 | 6 Bed | 8 Bath

A newly-constructed gated and private bluff-top retreat designed by renowned architect Doug Burdge AIA with panoramic ocean views, 6 bedroom and 7.5 bathrooms, two-story Cape Cod home and separate 1 bedroom/1 bathroom guesthouse has deeded beach rights to secluded cove below.



11801 COTHARIN ROAD
\$35,000,000 | 4 Bed | 7 Bath

Picturesque as an estate in an Italian hill town, this gorgeous Spanish compound on approximately 157 acres commands an extremely private setting among beautiful trees with ocean, mountain and canyon views. Magnificent indoor spaces open onto loggias and arbors, patios and gardens that suggest intimate gatherings and sparkling soirees.



30385 MORNING VIEW DRIVE
\$29,995,000 | 8 Bed | 9 Bath | Rendering

****Currently in Construction.**** Big panoramic ocean, hillside to mountain to island views on some of the most spectacular land in Malibu! Developed with world-renowned architect Arthur Casas of Brazil, this is a rare and incredible opportunity to own an 11,000+ sf architectural modern estate on 4+ mostly flat acres.



28926 CLIFFSIDE DRIVE
\$27,500,000 | 4 Bed | 5 Bath

Home to world-class surfing, this sanctuary by the sea, offers a sensational and re-imagined modern villa with seamless indoor-outdoor living and exotic patios on more than an acre with 100 feet of bluff frontage. The estate includes a new Airstream and Riviera 3 beach keys. An oceanside retreat of luminous simplicity and beauty.



22514 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
\$25,995,000 | 5 Bed | 9 Bath | Rendering

Spectacular mid-century Carbon Beach property with 100 feet of beach frontage and non-stop views of coastline, ocean, and islands. The approximately half-acre lot currently features a two-story main residence with an elevator; three guest apartments; three storefront offices; two swimming pools; and two pool houses. A rare opportunity in desirable Malibu location.



32852 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
\$24,500,000 | 4 Bed | 4 Bath

Casa di Pietra is a stunning beachfront villa with a gentle sloping terraced path to the beach combines bold lines and spacious interiors with exceptional quality to create a true architectural masterpiece. Exceedingly private and beautifully landscaped, the Doug Burdge-designed home sits at the end of a long gated drive, where it commands sensational views.



26901 SEA VISTA DRIVE
\$24,500,000 | 6 Bed | 9 Bath

With uninterrupted 270-degree ocean, island, and shoreline views from Palos Verdes to Point Dume, this spectacular Malibu home is the result of a 5+ year, down-to-the-studs restoration with absolutely the finest materials and appliances throughout. With gorgeous landscaping, and sanctuary-like privacy, this is a rare home of legacy quality and magnificent livability.



0 TRANCAS ROAD
\$24,000,000 | Approximately 24.88 Acres

All ocean views and possibilities, these two contiguous vacant parcels (APN 4470-012-002 and APN 4470-012-046) await your imagination. Totalling approximately 24.88 acres, the gently sloping property is located just north of star-studded Broad Beach, on the northwest corner of Trancas Canyon and the Pacific Coast Highway.



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22102 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
\$22,995,000 | 4 Bed | 4 Bath

This extraordinary Mediterranean Villa is a rare offering of 60' of frontage located on the sands of the most prestigious beach in the world, Malibu's Carbon Beach. You are welcomed by a romantic and lushly landscaped open courtyard oasis with Koi pond. Imagine your relaxing walks to Nobu, the Little Beach House and Malibu Pier. The ultimate in beach living.



23762 MALIBU ROAD
\$22,750,000 | 5 Bed | 5 Bath | Rendering

A sensational location on the deepest section of dry sand on Malibu Colony Beach, on nearly a third of an acre. The existing residence has been completely re-imagined with architectural plans submitted to the City, for a sleek and modern residence of over 6000 square feet. This is truly a one-of-kind California coastal estate.



3200 RETREAT COURT
\$21,500,000 | 6 Bed | 8 Bath

Spectacular estate located in majestic Serra Retreat. Recently rebuilt sparing no expense and outfitted with the finest materials and amenities, this warm and inviting home features vaulted two-story ceilings with an open floor plan, a dramatic double-island gourmet kitchen, magnificent bar area perfect for entertaining,



30712 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
\$16,995,000 | 6 Bed | 8 Bath

Elegant and immaculate, this six-bedroom Broad Beach home just needs one thing: you. Bring your flip-flops, your sunscreen, and a bottle of wine and you'll be right at home. In a private, gated community, it's located right on the beach and across from Trancas Country Market for convenient grocery shopping, Starbucks, bank, restaurants, and boutiques.



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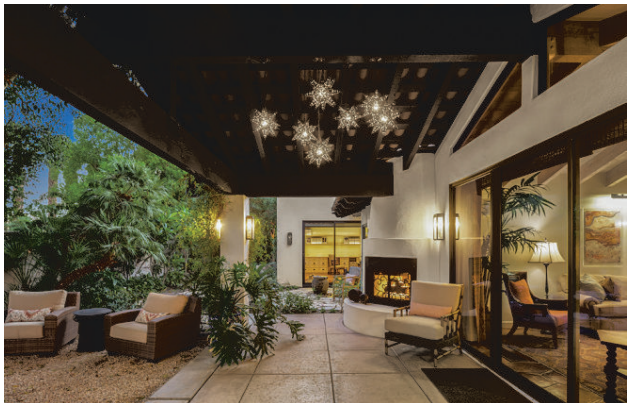
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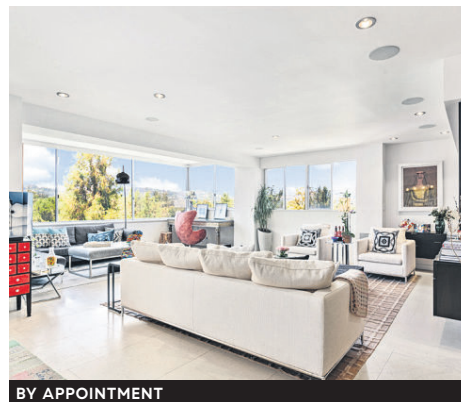
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Not just a teenage dream in 90210

BY JACK FLEMMING

Katy Perry is eyeing a quick profit in the 90210. The pop star just listed her secluded retreat for \$7.95 million, or half a million more than she paid in 2018.

Probably used as a guesthouse, the property sits just down the street from her main home, which she picked up for \$18 million in 2017, records show. Found in the Beverly Hills Post Office area, the property covers nearly an acre in the guard-gated enclave of Hidden Valley and centers on a traditional-style home of a little more than 4,400 square feet.

A spacious motor court kicks things off. The main entrance is found on the far end of the property, and to get there, visitors must walk the length of the home past a landscaped yard with an oval swimming pool.

White walls and hardwood floors make up the living spaces, which are sandwiched between two wings that bookend the home. One wing holds a bedroom suite with an office-gym, and the other houses the primary suite with a lounge, veranda and dual closets.

A native of Santa Barbara, Perry has released six studio albums over the last two decades with hits including “Roar,” “Firework,” “Teenage Dream” and “I Kissed a Girl.” The 35-year-old released her latest record, “Smile,” in August and gave birth to her daughter, Daisy Dove Bloom, the same month.

This would be her second home sale in as many years. A month after getting engaged to Orlando Bloom in February 2019, she sold her Hollywood Hills compound with a Mediterranean-style home, guesthouse and amphitheater to restaurateur Michael Chow for about \$12.7 million.

Brett Lawyer of Hilton & Hyland holds the listing.

Poison frontman quickly finds a fan

That was fast. Poison frontman **Bret Michaels** just sold his West-



Hilton & Hyland

KATY PERRY is asking \$7.95 million for this 4,400-square-foot home, the smaller of her two Beverly Hills Post Office properties.

lake Village retreat for \$4.48 million, finding a buyer a day after he put the property on the market.

In August, Michaels told *The Times* that he planned to move back to his old neighborhood of Calabasas, where he sold his previous home for \$3.4 million in 2016.

The rock star owned the Westlake Village estate for five years, buying it for \$3.49 million in 2015 and transforming it with an emphasis on indoor-outdoor living. Across 2.6 acres, the amenity-loaded home with a Mediterranean style has a custom pool and spa, a cabana and a sports court all surrounded by manicured lawns and stone patios.

Inside, dramatic living spaces are finished with stone, wood and tile. A chandelier and sweeping staircase anchor the two-story foyer, and further in, columns frame spaces such as a billiards room and step-down living room.



JEFF ELSON

BRET MICHAELS' just-sold home, set on 2.6 acres, has a theater, billiards room and what he called his “rock star party room.”

Arched doorways navigate the two-story floor plan with a chef's kitchen, rounded breakfast nook, movie theater, office and gym. Another highlight comes in the family room — which Michaels called his “rock star party room” — complete with a wine cellar, fireplace and wraparound bar.

Six bedrooms and 6.5 bathrooms complete the 6,700-square-foot floor plan. Outside, towering palms and mature trees create secluded spaces concealed from the neighbors.

Jordan Cohen of RE/Max One held the listing.

Polo estate hits the auction block

If you're planning to bid on **Patrick Nesbitt's** sprawling estate

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in Summerland, you'd better bring a few million. The 20-acre spread, once listed at \$65 million, will be auctioned off Nov. 16-19 to the highest bidder with no reserve through Concierge Auctions.

Nesbitt, a hotelier and chief executive of Windsor Capital Group, has been shopping the property around since 2016. Records show he trimmed the asking price to \$55 million earlier this year.

Sprawling across an ocean-view bluff near Montecito, the property revolves around polo; there's a 10-acre regulation polo field, a custom equestrian sculpture, a 17-horse barn and multiple spots to host polo matches, including a clubhouse with a series of terraces.

Polo is not the property's only claim to fame. In 2009, the scenic estate served as the backdrop for Britney Spears' music video "Radar."

Structures across the grounds combine for 43,000 square feet with seven bedrooms and nine bathrooms. The main house, a Mediterranean-style mansion, is full of formal spaces with crystal chandeliers, intricate ceilings, oversize drapes and mahogany finishes.

The home holds a few secrets as well. A rooftop deck is reached by a hidden door in the entry rotunda, and there's also a secluded wine cellar with a tasting room.

Indoor amenities include a movie theater, lounge, ballroom, sports bar and spa with a sauna and massage room. Outside, there's a rooftop hot tub, a 128-foot infinity pool, a driving range with sand traps and a butterfly habitat surrounded by horse trails, duck ponds and English and Japanese-style gardens.

The online auction is being held in cooperation with listing agents Rick Hilton and Rodrigo Iglesias of Hilton & Hyland.

Looking for a friendly deal

A few months ago, **Matthew Perry** listed his penthouse in the sky. Now he's selling his home in the sand. The "Friends" star recently put his Malibu beach house on the market for \$14 million, records show.

That's \$2 million more than the actor paid in 2011 when he bought



Hilton & Hyland

PERCHED on an ocean-view bluff near Montecito, this 20-acre spread was the backdrop for Britney Spears' music video "Radar."

the property from Scott Gillen, a high-profile developer who owns a slew of Malibu properties.

Perry's place is covered in wood and glass. Spanning 5,500 square feet, it overlooks the ocean from two stories of modern indoor-outdoor living spaces.

A two-sided fireplace anchors the main level, separating a sunny dining area and modern kitchen from a living room with a pingpong table. Dramatic beams top the entire space.

The primary suite covers most of the upper level, with a spa bathroom, lounge and private deck. In total, there are four bedrooms and 3.5 bathrooms, as well as a movie theater with tiered seating.

A wraparound deck set high off the sand lines the back of the home. To the side, a private patio

encloses a hot tub.

Perry, 51, has kept busy since his days playing Chandler Bing on "Friends," appearing on the shows "Mr. Sunshine," "The Good Wife" and "The Odd Couple." More recently, he played Ted Kennedy on the television miniseries "The Kennedys: After Camelot."

Josh Flagg of "Million Dollar Listing Los Angeles" and Bobby Boyd, both with Rodeo Realty Beverly Hills, hold the listing.

Suns star sells his home court

Phoenix Suns star **Devin Booker** just closed a deal in the desert, selling his Arizona home

for \$3.45 million, records show.

That's about \$750,000 shy of his February asking price but still \$200,000 more than he paid in 2017. A year after picking up the property, he inked a five-year deal with the Suns worth \$158 million.

The estate spans an acre in Paradise Valley, a suburb of Phoenix about 15 miles northeast of the team's stadium.

Built in 2016, it boasts a sleek, modern style (and a surprising amount of green space given its desert setting).

Wood accents and glass walls touch up whitewashed, minimalist living spaces, including an indoor-outdoor great room and dining room with wine storage. Elsewhere are four bedrooms, 4.5 bathrooms, a theater room and office across 5,600 square feet.

There's plenty of space to entertain outside, as a massive covered patio with a fireplace extends to a fountain-fed swimming pool and spa. Grassy lawns, drought-tolerant gardens and a courtyard fill out the rest of the grounds.

After leading Kentucky to a nearly perfect season in 2014-15, Booker was drafted by the Suns in 2015. Last year, he became the youngest player in NBA history to record consecutive 50-point games; this year, he was named an All-Star for the first time in addition to leading his team to an 8-0 record inside the NBA bubble in Orlando, Fla.

Booker's brother, Davon Wade, held the listing with Kirk Linehan of eXp Realty. Scott Grigg of Realty Executives represented the buyer.

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BY MICHAEL J. LIBOW



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1261 Tower Grove Drive \$17,500,000
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630 Cole Place \$7,995,000
Stunning decor-perfect one-level Regency Villa. Panoramic unobstructed cyn, hillside, valley, sunset vus. 4BD 4.5BA Sunlit w/X-hi clngs. Pl/spa/patio/lawns.

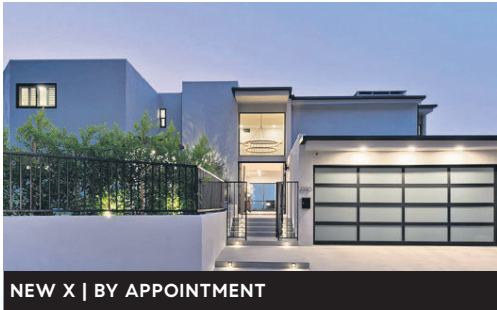
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NEW X | BY APPOINTMENT

454 El Camino Drive \$4,380,000
As-new all redone 2sty Spanish. 4BD 4.5BA. Sunlit spaces. Hi clngs. Stunning wood flrs. Open flow. Kitch/fam rm beyond compare. Pl/spa/patios. Quiet road.

Studio City



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3105 Dona Sofia Drive \$3,495,000
Redone as-new 2sty Contemp 5BD w/panoramic city/mountain vus. Resort yrd w/saline pl, spa, outdoor kitch. Carrara marble throughout. Quiet cul-de-sa

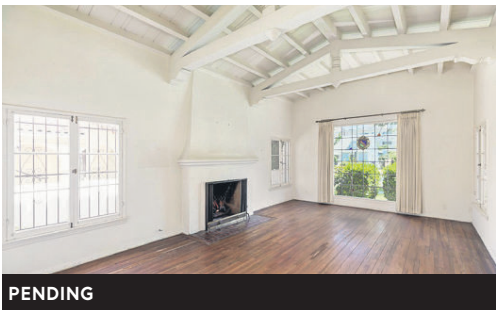
Bel Air



NEW X | BY APPOINTMENT

2740 Aqua Verde Circle \$2,995,000
Immac updated 2sty Contemp Spanish. 5BD. Hi vaulted & beamed clngs. Wd flrs. Indoor/ outdoor feel. Huge fam rm. Pl/spa/lawn/patio. Bel Air Park.

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PENDING

357 S. Crescent Drive \$2,395,000
Charming older 1sty 3BD 2BA Deco-era courtyard Spanish. Prime location. Sunlit rms. Hi clngs. First time for sale in decades. Plentiful potential. As-ls.

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JUST SOLD

9321 Burton Way Unit B \$1,395,000
Stunning redone tri-level townhome. 24 unit architectural complex. 3BD 3BA. Open flow. Direct-entry 2 cr gated prkg. Ultimate address.



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724 N. Roxbury Drive **\$28,000/mo**
Incredible 2sty Architectural estate by Richard Landry, AIA. Sunlit spaces. Hi clngs. 5BD 5.5BA. Amazing kitch/great rm. Lg yrd w/lawns/pool.

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NEW X | BY APPOINTMENT

1124 Laurel Way **\$28,000/mo**
Stunning fully redone decor-perfect furnished. 1sty 4BD 4.5BA home. Huge liv rm w/bar. Fam rm. New kitch&baths. Pl/spa/patios/lawn/privacy. Long-term.

Marina Del Rey



NEW X | BY APPOINTMENT

1042 Berkeley Drive **\$18,000/mo**
Stunning 2005 built 2sty Contemp Spanish. 4BD 4.5BA Sunlit. Ebony flrs. White walls. Kitchen/fam rm combo. Pool/spa/patios. Gated. Prime quiet street.

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133 S. Spalding Drive Unit 301 **\$8,250/mo**
Full-floor 3BD + den + 3BA condo in newer "boutique" bldg. Hi clngs. Dark wd flrs. French drs. Direct elevator access. Chef's kitch w/top blt-ins. 2 car gated prkg.

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217 S. Maple Drive **\$7,950/mo**
Spacious, sunlit, and updated 2 story Spanish 3BD 3.5BA + 2 room guest unit/bath. Hi clngs. Wd flrs. Granite kitch. Lush yard w/lawn/patios. Long-term.

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144 S. Reeves Drive Unit 2 **\$7,500/mo**
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430 El Camino Drive **\$7,500/mo**
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JUST LEASED

509 N. Rodeo Drive **\$6,495/mo**
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210 1/2 El Camino Drive **\$4,800/mo**
Uber charming 2sty townhome. 2BD 2.5BA. Wd flrs. Updated kitch/baths. Hi clngs. Central AC. Washer/dryer in unit. Courtyrd entry. 1car garage.



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A step back in time to 1904

BY JACK FLEMMING

Among the palm-lined streets of South Pasadena, a stately Tudor Revival-style mansion offers the feel of a different century. Built in 1904, the home holds grand living spaces with period details such as stained-glass windows, carved ceilings, paneled walls and dramatic columns. The property — which hasn't changed hands in 80 years — also includes a guest-house, pool house and swimming pool.

The details

Location: 423 Oaklawn Ave., South Pasadena, 91030

Asking price: \$6.995 million

Year built: 1904

Living area: 12,260 square feet, 10 bedrooms, 12 bathrooms

Lot size: 1.3 acres

Features: Gated lot; dense landscaping; grand staircase; formal living spaces; beamed ceilings; custom wallpapers; library; office; two-story guesthouse; corner-lot property; motor court; two-car garage

About the area: In the 91030 ZIP Code, based on 10 sales, the median price for single-family homes in August was \$1.75 million, up 42.6% year over year, according to CoreLogic.

Agents: Bret Parsons, Compass, (310) 497-5832

To submit a candidate for Home of the Week, send high-resolution color photos via [Dropbox.com](https://www.dropbox.com), permission from the photographer to publish the images and a description of the house to jack.flemming@latimes.com.



Photographs by MARCO FRANCHINA

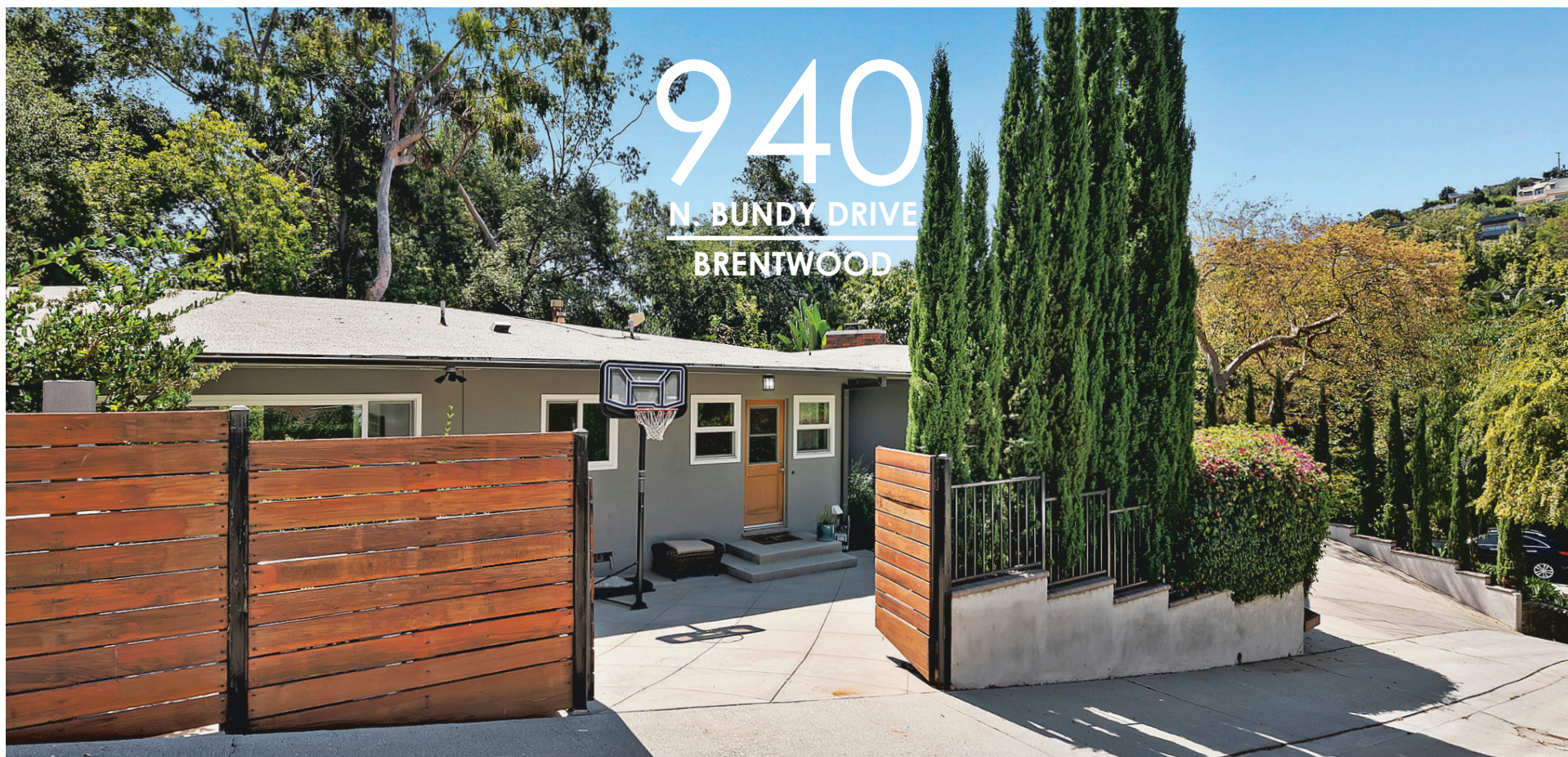
THE 1904 Tudor Revival-style mansion has period details such as stained-glass windows, carved ceilings and paneled walls.



A LIBRARY, an office, 10 bedrooms, 12 bathrooms and a grand staircase are part of the 12,260 square feet of living space.



PRICED AT \$6.995 million, the home sits on 1.3 acres with a swimming pool, pool house, guesthouse and dense landscaping.



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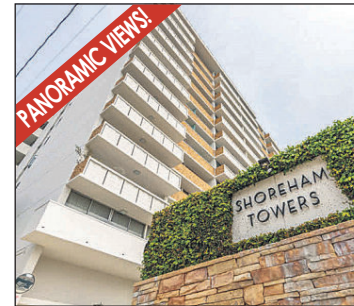
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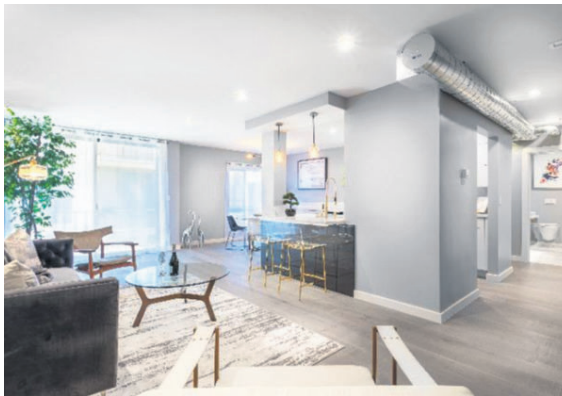
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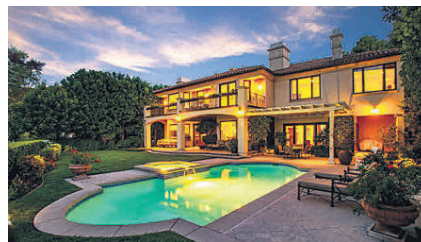


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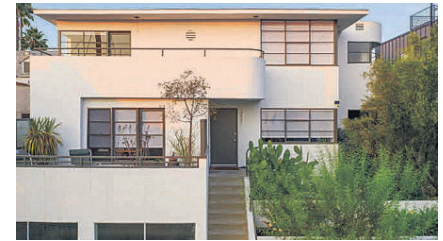
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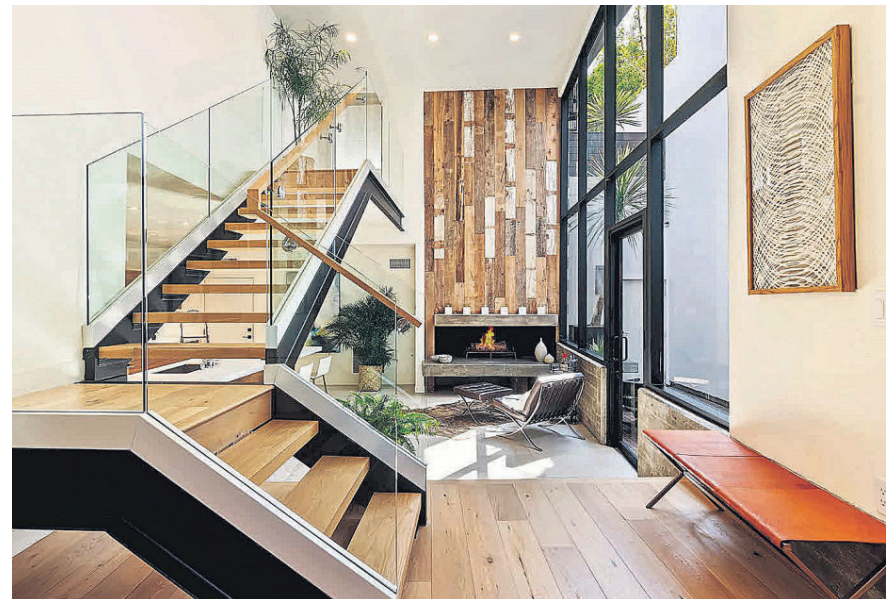
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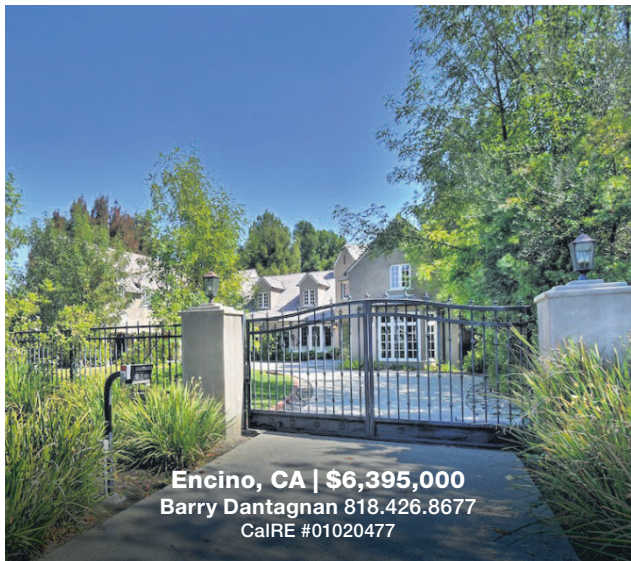
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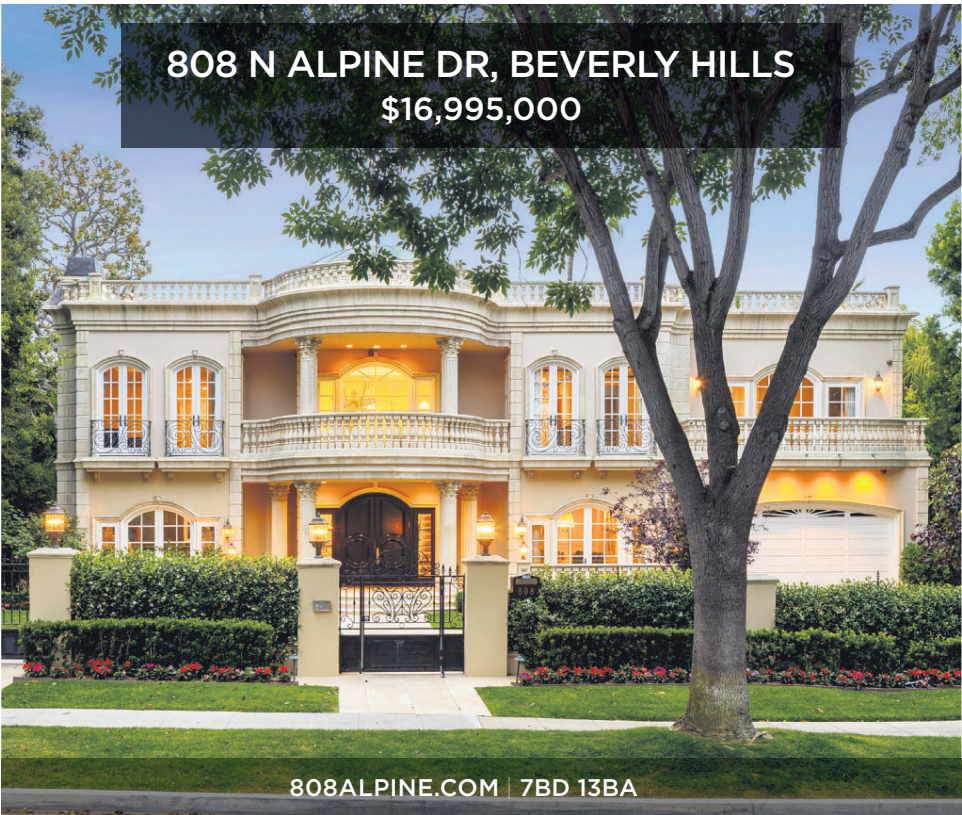
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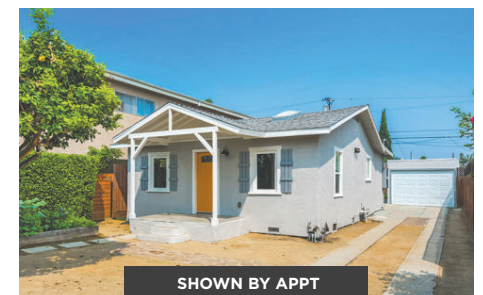
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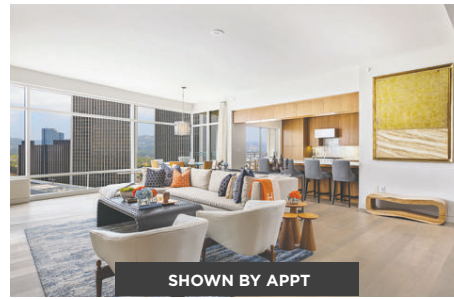


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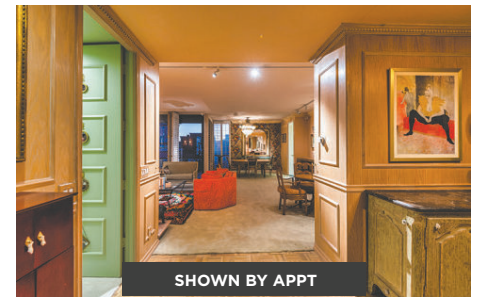
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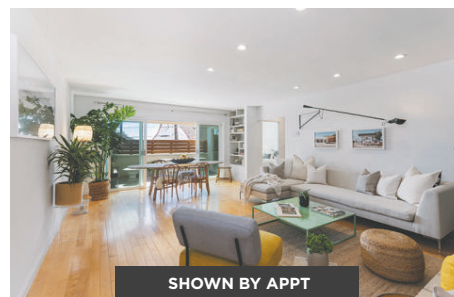


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LeBron James picks up another trophy

Laker spends \$36.75 million on a 2.5-acre estate, L.A. County's second-priciest September home sale.

BY JACK FLEMMING

A Lakers star and a power couple bought Beverly Hills homes in September, keeping L.A.'s ultra-luxury market chugging along after a red-hot summer. Here's a closer look at the priciest deals that went down in L.A. County last month.

\$39.15 million — Beverly Hills

Near the Beverly Hills Flats, one of the largest estates ever offered in the community fetched one of the biggest prices: \$39.15 million.

The home was owned by **Joshua Greer**, founder of RealD Inc., which is known for RealD 3D, a system used in movie theaters. He sold it to a trust tied to an East Coast investor, records show.

Spanning two acres, the tree-filled grounds center on a 1940s home with Old Hollywood style across 9,000 square feet. Inside, there's a dining room with leather-covered walls, a bright red game room and a yoga studio. A guesthouse, swimming pool, tennis court and pavilion complete the property.

Josh Flagg of Josh Flagg Estates held the listing. Fred Bernstein of Westside Estate Agency represented the buyer.

\$36.75 million — Beverly Hills

While competing in the NBA bubble, Lakers star **LeBron James** closed a deal across the country, dropping \$36.75 million on a 90210 estate owned by late soap opera creator Lee Phillip Bell.

The Mediterranean mansion first hit the market in April for \$39 million, records show. It's James' third L.A. home; he also owns a pair of properties in Brentwood — one that he bought for \$21 million in 2017 and another that he picked up two years later for \$23 million.



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JOHN LEGEND and Chrissy Teigen's boxy new home emphasizes indoor-outdoor living, with walls of glass lining an open floor plan.

Claiming 2.5 acres with sweeping city views, the 1930s home was updated during Bell's ownership and includes a screening room, indoor-outdoor living room, and dining room under pyramid skylights. The grounds tack on a flagstone courtyard, motor court with palm trees, swimming pool, pool house and tennis court.

Richard Hilton and Jeff Hyland of Hilton & Hyland held the listing.

\$26 million — Bel-Air

Bel-Air's highest sale of September was a Mediterranean villa near Bel-Air Country Club that sold for \$26 million in an off-market deal.

Records identify the seller as **Chris Parker**, founder of Asian-Logic, an investor and operator in the gaming industry. He turned a big profit, having paid \$18.5 million for the property in 2014.

Approached by a long, winding driveway, the home spans about 12,000 square feet with seven bed-

rooms and 11 bathrooms. A bevy of French doors open out back, where a manicured lawn surrounds a swimming pool and spa.

Drew Fenton of Hilton & Hyland held the listing with Michael Fenton of Compass. Blair Chang of the Agency represented the buyer.

\$20 million — Malibu

Malibu saw its third-highest on-market sale of the year in September when luxury real estate agent **Chris Cortazzo** dropped \$20 million on a sleek oceanfront home. It had been listed earlier this year at \$23.5 million.

Covering an acre on a bluff in Point Dume, the property makes the most of its space with a main house, guesthouse, swimming pool, bocce court, and multiple lawns and lookouts to enjoy the view. Greenhouse-style windows blanket the home. Other highlights include a living room with a dome fireplace and a kitchen with a long, curving breakfast bar. Decks, walkways and staircases

navigate the coastal grounds.

Cortazzo, an agent with Compass, also held the listing.

\$17.7 million — Bel-Air

The price just kept plummeting for this Bel-Air abode, which hit the market at \$27 million last spring. After it resurfaced for sale at \$18.9 million in May, **Darius Mir**, founder of office furniture manufacturing company 9to5, bought it for \$17.7 million, records show.

Boasting a modern style with Midcentury influences, the 9,500-square-foot floor plan has clean lines, glass walls and a few splashes of color across two stories.

A gated motor court with a three-car garage fills out the front. In back, the half-acre property includes a grassy yard, swimming pool, spa and outdoor kitchen.

Aaron Kirman of Compass and Steve Frankel of Coldwell Banker Realty held the listing. Anthony Marguleas of Amalfi Estates represented the buyer.

\$17.5 million — Beverly Hills

John Legend and **Chrissy Teigen** upgraded homes in the 90210, shelling out \$17.5 million for an ultra-modern mansion in the Benedict Canyon neighborhood. That's about \$1.2 million less than the original asking price, according to the Multiple Listing Service.

At 10,700 square feet, the custom-built home is a bit bigger than the power couple's other place: an 8,500-square-foot spot that's currently on the market for \$23.95 million.

The box-like structure emphasizes indoor-outdoor living, as walls of glass line a vast open floor plan with a double-island kitchen and multiple lounges. Upstairs, the owner's suite opens to a private deck with city, ocean and canyon views.

Sally Forster Jones of Compass held the listing. Marshall Peck of Douglas Elliman represented the buyer.



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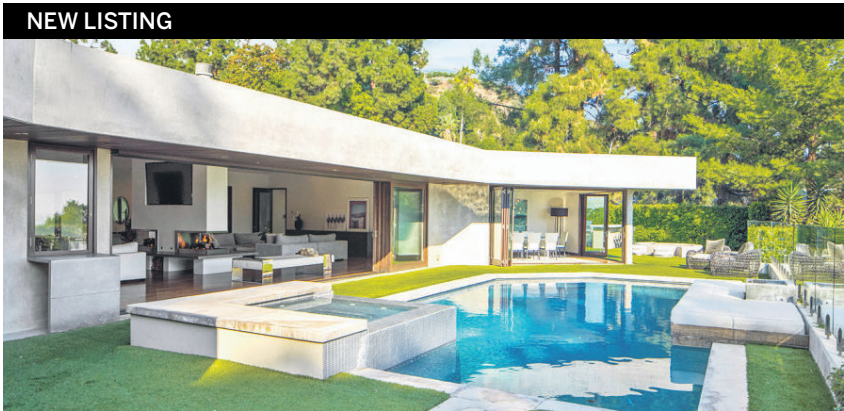
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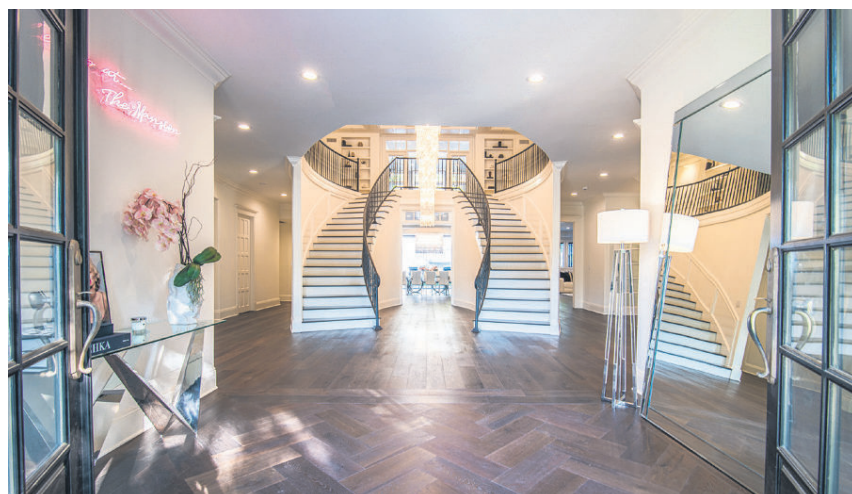


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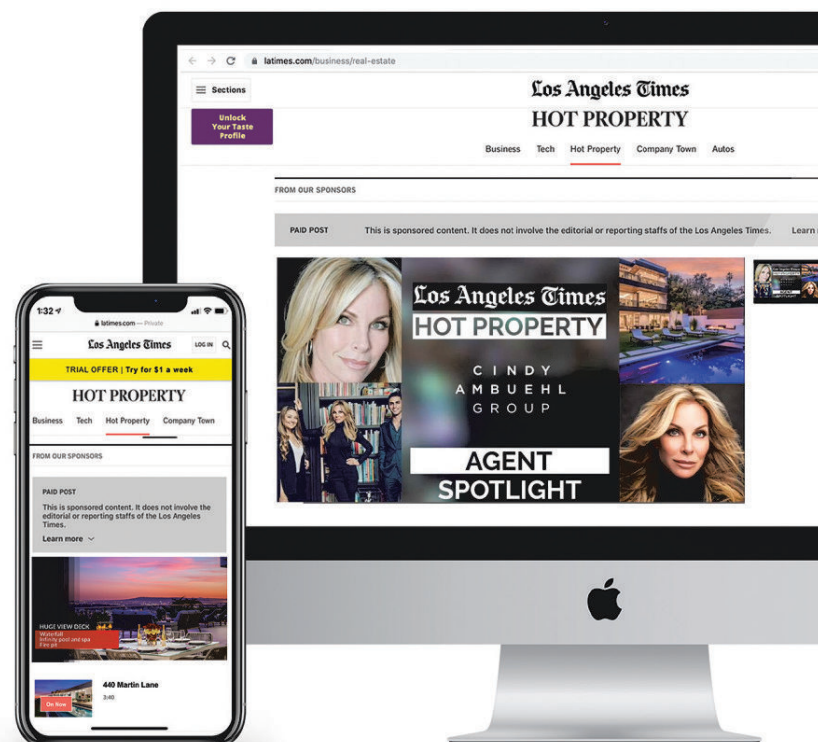
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BY JACK FLEMMING

A piece of American history just surfaced for sale in Virginia, where a slice of George Washington's original Mount Vernon estate is up for grabs at \$60 million.

It's an ambitious ask for the one-of-a-kind property. According to the listing agent, \$60 million is the most expensive listing price ever in the city of Alexandria.

Spanning 16.5 acres on the Potomac River, the historic property sits a few miles away from the current Mount Vernon, a landmark destination where visitors can tour Washington's original mansion. The \$60-million listing is a bit more recent, centering on a Federal-style home built in 2018.

Approached by a stone-lined driveway, the dramatic mansion boasts a 19th century aesthetic on the outside. Inside, the 16,000-square-foot floor plan blends formal living spaces with modern amenities. One highlight comes in the wood-paneled reception room, which extends to a circular lounge overlooking the manicured gardens.

There's also a movie theater, indoor swimming pool, spa, steam room and sauna — as well as a game room with a bar and pool table surrounded by walls of hand-crafted stone. Seven bedrooms and 13 bathrooms complete the floor plan.

English Colonial-style hedges and rose gardens based on old blueprints of the property fill out the scenic grounds, leading to 400 feet of river frontage with a private dock. Other structures include a 2,600-square-foot guesthouse, carriage house and studio apartment.

Heather Corey of TTR Sotheby's International Realty holds the listing.



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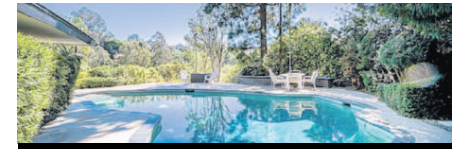
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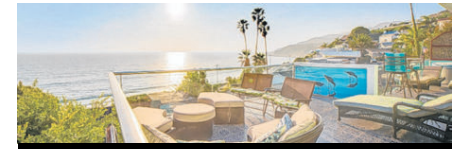
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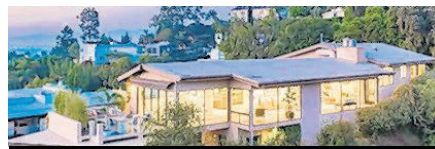
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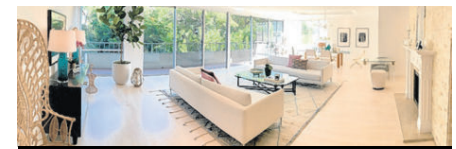
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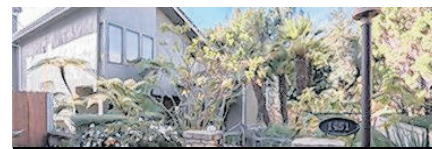
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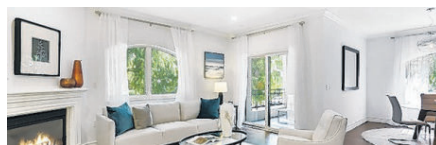
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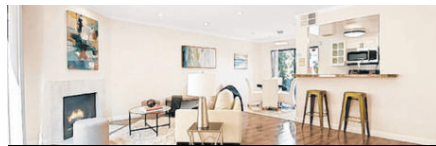
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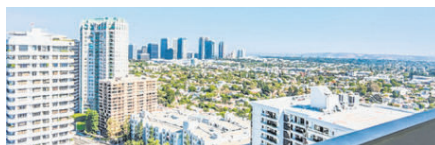
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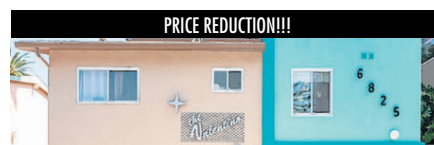
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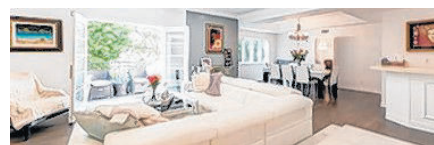
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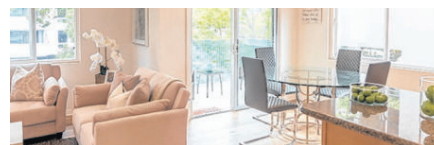
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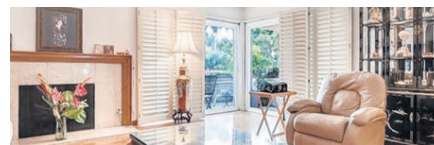
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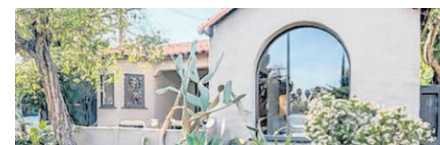
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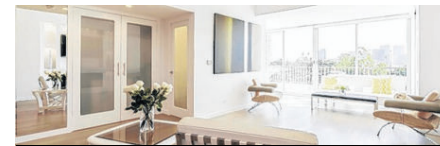
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